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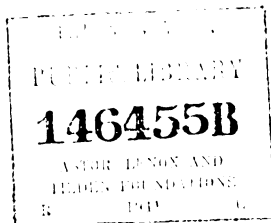


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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
10th March, 1939.

A.O. 34
1939

ROYAL WARRANT

New Conditions of Service for Officers of the Royal Malta Artillery

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS We deem it expedient to make various changes in the promotion, pay and conditions of service of officers of Our Royal Malta Artillery;

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I. OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that promotion to the ranks of captain and major of combatant officers of Our Royal Malta Artillery shall be by time and not by vacancy in a fixed establishment and shall, provided that they are qualified and recommended for promotion, be after eight years' and 17 years' service, respectively. Service counting for promotion shall be reckoned as laid down in Articles 112 and 113 of the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army dated 12th February, 1931, except that—

- (a) in cases in which officers fail to secure promotion from second-lieutenant to lieutenant after three years' service or from lieutenant to captain after eight years' service, the periods which elapse between the dates

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when they complete those periods of service and the dates when they are subsequently promoted shall not thereafter reckon for time promotion to a higher rank unless Our Army Council shall otherwise determine ;

- (b) periods of service forfeited by sentence of court-martial or by summary award under Section 47 of the Army Act shall not be reckonable.

II. OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that promotion to the rank of surgeon-captain and surgeon-major of medical officers of Our Royal Malta Artillery shall be after one year's and ten years' commissioned service as a medical officer, respectively, instead of after three years' and 12 years' commissioned service.

III. OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the rates of pay of officers of Our Royal Malta Artillery shall be revised as follows :—

<i>Present rates</i>		<i>New rates</i>	
<i>Combatant officers—</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>		<i>£ s. d.</i>
Second-lieutenant ...	0 8 2	Second-lieutenant ...	0 8 9
Second-lieutenant, after 3 years' commissioned service ...	0 10 4		
Lieutenant, if commissioned on or after 26th October, 1925 ...	0 10 4	Lieutenant ...	0 10 6
Lieutenant, if commissioned before 26th October, 1925 ...	0 11 10	Lieutenant, after 6 years' commissioned service ...	0 11 6
Lieutenant, if commissioned on or after 26th October, 1925, after 7 years' commissioned service ...	0 11 10		
Lieutenant, if commissioned before 26th October, 1925, after 7 years' commissioned service ...	0 13 2		
Captain, if commissioned on or after 26th October, 1925 ...	0 15 8	Captain ...	0 13 3
Captain, if commissioned before 26th October, 1925 ...	0 16 8	Captain, after 11 years' commissioned service ...	0 15 3
Captain, after 15 years' commissioned service ...	0 19 0	Captain, after 14 years' commissioned service ...	0 18 9
Major ...	1 2 8	Major ...	1 2 9
		Major, after 22 years' commissioned service ...	1 6 9
Lieutenant-colonel ...	1 7 2	Lieutenant-colonel ...	1 14 6
Command pay ...	5 0	Command pay ...	8 0

Present rates			New rates		
<i>Quarter-masters—</i>					
On appointment ...	£	s. d.	On appointment ...	£	s. d.
After 4 years' service ...	12	8	After 4 years' service ...	13	9
" 8 years' " ...	14	6	" 8 years' " ...	15	3
" 12 years' " ...	16	4	" 12 years' " ...	16	9
" 15 years' " ...	18	2	" 15 years' " ...	18	0
	1	2	8	1	1
<i>Medical officers—</i>					
Surgeon-lieutenant ...	13	6	Surgeon-lieutenant ...	15	10
Surgeon-captain ...	18	2	Surgeon-captain ...	19	7
Surgeon-captain, after 5 years' commissioned service ...	1	0	Surgeon-captain, after 6 years' commissioned service ...	1	1
Surgeon-captain, after 10 years' commissioned service ...	1	2	Surgeon-captain, after 8 years' commissioned service ...	1	3
Surgeon-major ...	1	7	Surgeon-major ...	1	7
Surgeon-major, after 20 years' commissioned service ...	1	11	Surgeon-major, after 13 years' commissioned service ...	1	10
			8		9
			Surgeon-major, after 16 years' commissioned service ...	1	12
			6		
			Surgeon-major, after 18 years' commissioned service ...	1	16
			3		
			Surgeon-major, after 22 years' commissioned service ...	1	19
			0		

IV. OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the rates of half-pay of officers of Our Royal Malta Artillery shall be revised as follows :—

Present rates			New rates		
<i>Combatant officers—</i>					
Second-lieutenant ...	s. d.		Second-lieutenant ...	s. d.	
Second-lieutenant, after 3 years' commissioned service ...	4	1	Second-lieutenant ...	4	5
Lieutenant, if commissioned on or after 26th October, 1925 ...	5	2	Lieutenant ...	5	3
Lieutenant, if commissioned before 26th October, 1925 ...	5	2	Lieutenant, after 6 years' commissioned service ...	5	9
Lieutenant, if commissioned on or after 26th October, 1925, after 7 years' commissioned service ...	5	11			
Lieutenant, if commissioned before 26th October, 1925, after 7 years' commissioned service ...	5	11			
Captain, if commissioned on or after 26th October, 1925 ...	6	7	Captain ...	6	8
Captain, if commissioned before 26th October, 1925 ...	7	10	Captain, after 11 years' commissioned service ...	7	8
Captain, after 15 years' commissioned service ...	8	4	Captain, after 14 years' commissioned service ...	9	5
Major ...	9	6	Major ...	11	5
Major ...	11	4	Major, after 22 years' commissioned service ...	13	5
Lieutenant-colonel ...	13	7	Lieutenant-colonel ...	17	3

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Present rates				New rates			
<i>Quarter-masters—</i>							
With less than 4 years' com-	s. d.			With less than 4 years' com-	s. d.		
missioned service	6 4			missioned service	6 11		
After 4 years' commissioned				After 4 years' commissioned			
service	7 3			service	7 8		
After 8 years' commissioned				After 8 years' commissioned			
service	8 2			service	8 5		
After 12 years' commissioned				After 12 years' commissioned			
service	9 1			service	9 0		
After 15 years' commissioned				After 15 years' commissioned			
service	11 4			service	10 11		
<i>Medical officers—</i>							
Surgeon-major	13 7			Surgeon-lieutenant	7 11		
				Surgeon-captain	9 10		
Surgeon-major, after 20 years'				Surgeon-captain, after 6 years'			
commissioned service	15 10			commissioned service...	10 11		
				Surgeon-captain, after 8 years'			
				commissioned service...	11 9		
				Surgeon-major	13 7		
				Surgeon-major, after 13 years'			
				commissioned service...	15 5		
				Surgeon-major, after 16 years'			
				commissioned service...	16 3		
				Surgeon-major, after 18 years'			
				commissioned service...	18 2		
				Surgeon-major, after 22 years'			
				commissioned service...	19 6		

V. OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the changes prescribed in this Our Warrant shall apply only to officers serving on the active list after 31st July, 1938, and shall take effect from 1st August, 1938, provided always that—

(i) a lieutenant who has completed eight years' service counting for promotion on 31st July, 1938, or who will complete such period of service before 16th October, 1939, or a captain who has completed or will complete 17 years' service counting for promotion before 16th October, 1939, shall not be debarred from promotion to the next higher rank under this Our Warrant by reason of his not having previously passed the professional examination fixed for promotion to the higher rank ;

(ii) in any case in which transfer from the rates of pay or of half-pay hitherto in force to the new rates would involve a loss of emoluments, the officer may continue in receipt of the rates of pay or of half-pay hitherto in force until such time as, on change of appointment or on account of increment or promotion, the new rates are equal to or exceed the old.

VI. OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that A.O. 34
the provisions of the Warrant of His late Majesty 1939
King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Pro- *continued*
motion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army dated
12th February, 1931, shall, in so far as they may
be inconsistent with the provisions of this Our
Warrant, be regarded as modified accordingly.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
7th day of March, 1939, in the
3rd year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

By Command of the Army Council,



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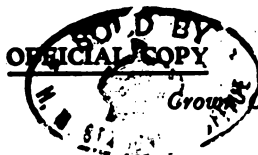
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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,

4th April, 1939

TERRITORIAL ARMY REGULATIONS, 1936

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1939

AMENDMENTS No. 35

The following amendments will be made to Territorial Army Regulations, 1936:—

Delete para. 14 and substitute—

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1939
Amdt. 35
April, 1939

In the event of grave national emergency, legislation may be introduced imposing liability for general service—that is to say service in any unit of the Regular Forces or T.A. This liability will apply to all men enlisted into the T.A. after embodiment, and, subject to the observance of any undertakings regarding the conditions of their service in force at the time, to all men enlisted before embodiment.

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It is not intended to use T.A. units existing on embodiment as draft finding units for the Regular Army.

Delete para. 17.

Delete heading to paras. 18 and 19 and substitute—

4. CALLING OUT OF PERSONNEL IN ADVANCE OF EMBODIMENT

Delete paras. 18 and 19 and substitute—

Amdt. 35
April, 1939

18. All members of the T.A. will be required to sign an agreement to serve during a period of national emergency, when called upon to do so, at any place in the United Kingdom.

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19. The conditions under which personnel will serve will be as follows:—

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April, 1939

- (a) They will engage to serve in case of national emergency, when called upon to do so, under the authority of the Secretary of State, at any place in the United Kingdom, even though no order calling out the T.A. for actual military service is in force at the time.
- (b) When called out under the terms of their agreement, they will retain the rank which they hold in the T.A.
- (c) The agreement will remain in force as long as the officer or man is serving in the T.A.
- (d) On joining, each officer and man will be required to sign, in the presence of the O.C. unit, a declaration on A.F. E 622 to the effect that he is willing to accept the special conditions referred to above.

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4A. CALLING OUT OF KEY PARTIES IN ADVANCE OF GENERAL CALLING OUT

Amdt. 35
April, 1939

19A. A key party of each unit will be formed, to be called out in advance of the remainder of the unit. The size of the key party will be limited to 10 per cent. of the establishment of the unit. C.Os. of all units will invite a due proportion of officers and other ranks to accept this additional liability, which will not entail the signing of a special agreement. In order to ensure that a full key party reports when called upon to do so, a few additional personnel will also be invited to accept the liability. C.Os. will ensure that in no cases are more than 10 per cent. of the establishment of the unit called out as a key party. The calling out of such key parties will not take place until authority is received.

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THE WAR OFFICE,
18th April, 1939.

TERRITORIAL ARMY REGULATIONS, 1936

A.O. 62
1939

AMENDMENTS No. 36

S.R.O. 448 The following amendments will be made to
1939 Territorial Army Regulations, 1936—

Add new paragraph:—

Amdt. 36 821A. The conditions of para. 821 will also
April, 1939 apply to members of the T.A. called out for service
under agreements entered into in accordance with
para. 19†.

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Delete para. 822 and substitute—

Amdt. 36 822 (a). A gratuity of £5 will be issued to each
April, 1939 officer and man of the T.A. or of the T.A. Reserve
(other than light anti-aircraft units) called up on
embodiment or called out for service under an
agreement entered into in accordance with
para. 19†, provided that an officer or man will
not be entitled to the gratuity if—

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- (i) he is rejected on medical grounds;
- (ii) he is returned forthwith to his home;
or
- (iii) he is not commissioned to or enlisted* into
the T.A. or the T.A. Reserve before the
date of embodiment of the whole or part
of the T.A., or before the date on which
any unit of the T.A. is called out for
service under an agreement entered into
in accordance with para. 19, whichever
occurs first.

* For this purpose the date of commission is that notified in the London Gazette, and the date of enlistment is that on which a man is attested.

† Including personnel called out as key parties under para. 19A.

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(b) Officers and men who have received a gratuity on being called out for service under an agreement entered into in accordance with para. 19† will not be eligible to receive a second gratuity if their unit is embodied while they are so serving.

(c) When an officer or man is returned to his home owing to temporary medical unfitness or because he is not required for service, and is called up subsequently, he will be eligible for a gratuity, subject to the provisions of sub-paras. (a) and (b) above.

Para. 823. Line 1. *After "embodiment" insert—*

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or called out for service under an agreement entered into in accordance with para. 19†

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Para. 824. *Delete from "824" in line 1 to "and" in line 4 and substitute—*

Amdt. 36
April, 1939

824. A payment of 10s. od. will be made to each warrant officer, N.C.O. and man of the T.A. or of the T.A. Reserve (other than light anti-aircraft units) called up on embodiment or called out for service under an agreement entered into in accordance with para. 19†, provided that (a) he is not rejected on medical grounds or returned forthwith to his home and (b)

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Para. 826.

Line 1. *Delete "and 696" and substitute "696 and 701"*

Line 2. *After "embodiment" insert—*

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April, 1939

or when officers or men are called out for service in accordance with an agreement entered into under para. 19†

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Delete para. 827 and heading.

† Including personnel called out as key parties under para. 19A.

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,

15th May, 1939

Special Awards to Officers

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1. A number of special awards of the value of £20 a year, tenable for three years (except as provided in paragraph 6 below), will be granted to officers, on first appointment to a regular commission, who apply for them and satisfy the Army Council that the means of their parents or guardians justify the awards.

2. Officers who possess private means or an allowance of their own and those appointed to the Indian Army or the India Unattached List will not be considered for a special award.

3. King's cadets, unless debarred by paragraph 2, may be granted a special award on being commissioned.

4. In the case of officers commissioned from the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, other than those admitted as King's cadets or army cadets, the entitlement to a special award will be assessed, according to circumstances, as follows:—

(a) Where the officer is not disqualified under paragraph 2 and there has been no appreciable change in the income of the parents or guardians, or in the circumstances of the family, since his admission as a cadet—on the basis of the income of the parents or guardians at the date of his entry into the academy or college, as declared, or presumed for the

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assessment of fees. Where the officer is eligible for consideration for an award, his parents or guardians will be required to certify, on a form to be supplied (specimen attached—Appendix B), that there have been no such changes.

- (b) Where the officer is not disqualified under paragraph 2 and there has been an appreciable increase or decrease in the income of the parents or guardians, or a substantial change in the circumstances of the family—on the basis of a declaration of income by the parents or guardians, on a form to be supplied, at the date on which the officer is commissioned.

5. Officers commissioned to the Regular Army from the universities, the Royal Military College, Kingston, the Royal Military College, Duntroon, the Supplementary Reserve, The King's Own Malta Regiment or the Territorial Army, or after a course as an army cadet at one of the cadet colleges, will be considered for an award only on the completion by their parents or guardians of a declaration of income, on a form to be supplied. Such officers, except those referred to in paragraph 7 below, must, if they desire to be considered for an award, apply to the Under-Secretary of State, The War Office, not later than the date of the London Gazette in which their appointments to regular commissions are announced.

6. An award granted to an officer commissioned with an antedate as a university candidate or from the Royal Military College, Kingston, or the Royal Military College, Duntroon, will be tenable only for such period as, together with the period of the antedate, will complete three years, and no payment will be made in respect of any period before the date on which the officer is commissioned.

7. A number of these awards will be made to officers commissioned to the Regular Army in August, 1938, and January, 1939. Any such officer desiring to apply for an award should forward an application to the Under-Secretary of State, The War Office, to reach that office not later than

15th June, 1939, in the case of officers serving at home, and not later than 15th August, 1939, in the case of officers serving abroad. The application should state the name and address of the parents or guardians to whom the form regarding the declaration of income should be sent.

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8. Any application for an award should be supported by a declaration by the officer, on a form to be supplied (specimen attached—Appendix A), that he has no means other than his army pay and allowances.

9. Any awards made under paragraph 7 will be tenable from the date of commission.

10. The continuation of any award made under this Army Order will be subject to an annual declaration by the officer that he has not become possessed of private means or an allowance (specimen attached—Appendix A) and to an annual declaration from his parents or guardians that there has been no appreciable improvement in their circumstances since the officer was first granted an award.

11. Awards under this Army Order will normally be paid quarterly in advance by the agents or paymaster issuing the officer's pay.

12. An award may be withdrawn at any time if the officer becomes possessed of private means or an allowance, or if the circumstances of his parents or guardians improve materially after the award has been made.

13. An award will be withdrawn where the officer is transferred to the Indian Army or appointed to the India Unattached List.

14. An award will be withdrawn if an officer, during his tenure of the award, becomes entitled to the pay of a rank higher than that of second-lieutenant.

APPENDIX A TO ARMY ORDER 83 OF 1939

F 2. Form 32A.

DECLARATION

(To be sent to the Under-Secretary of State, The War Office).

I, _____, Full name
solemnly and sincerely declare that, *other than army pay and allowances, I have no income or allowance from any source whatever; or potential or potential officer to be
and I undertake to inform the Army Council if at any time before inserted
(a) I become possessed of any income here.
or allowance other than from army pay and allowances; and I
undertake, on demand, to refund to the Army Council any amount
that may be issued to me in respect of a special award, or such
part thereof as the Army Council may, after consideration of the
circumstances, require me to refund, if it appears at any time
that this declaration, or any declaration to be hereafter made
by me, has been erroneously or improperly made, or if I become
possessed of any income other than from army pay and allowances
before (a) _____; and I make this
solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and by
virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declaration Act, 1835.

Signature.....

Address

Declared and subscribed before me at
this.....day of

..... { Magistrate for
Commissioner for Oaths

NOTE—In the case of persons resident abroad, this form may be
declared before a British Diplomatic or Consular Officer, Notary
Public or other person competent by local law to administer oaths.

* Delete the words "other than army pay and allowances" if not
applicable.

(a) Insert date three years from the date of the officers' regular
commission.

APPENDIX B TO ARMY ORDER 83 OF 1939

F 2. Form 32B

DECLARATION

(To be sent to the Under-Secretary of State, The War Office)

I, _____,
solemnly and sincerely declare that there have been no changes in the
income of myself, or of my wife (husband), or in the circumstances of
the family, since _____, on which
day I completed the attached declaration of income [in connection with
my application for reduced fees at Woolwich or Sandhurst]; and
undertake to refund on demand to the Army Council the amount of
such pecuniary benefits as may be allowed to my son, stepson,
adopted son or ward by the Army Council under the provisions of the
Royal Warrant for Pay, etc., or such part thereof as the Army Council

may after consideration of the circumstances, at any time hereafter require me to refund, if at any time it appears that this declaration has been erroneously or improperly made, or without a full and true disclosure of the particulars hereinbefore referred to; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declaration Act, 1835; and I further undertake to notify the Army Council immediately of any increase in the income of myself, my wife (husband) or our family before
(a)

Signature.....

Address

Declared and subscribed before me at
this.....day of
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NOTE.— In the case of persons resident abroad, this form may be declared before a British Diplomatic or Consular Officer, Notary Public or other person competent by the local law to administer oaths.

(a) Insert date three years from the date of the officer's regular commission.

By Command of the Army Council,

H. J. Creedy

SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
31st August, 1939.

A.O. 138
1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Promotion of Officers in War

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to make special provision for the promotion of officers of Our Army during a national emergency ;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that, the amendments shown in the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant shall be made to the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated 12th February, 1931.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
31st day of August, 1939, in the 3rd
year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

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Article 102 (as amended by the Warrant dated 31st May, 1934*).

Add at end—

Amdt. 222
Aug., 1939

A second-lieutenant of Our Regular Forces may, after 18 months' commissioned service during a national emergency, be promoted to the rank of lieutenant, provided that he is recommended for such promotion.

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Article 179 (b) (as promulgated by the Warrant dated 24th September, 1936†, and amended by the Warrant dated 28th July, 1939‡).

Add new sub-paragraph—

Amdt. 222
Aug., 1939

(iv) to a retired combatant officer of Our Regular Army who had completed more than 17 years' service on full pay when he retired from Our Regular Army, on being re-employed during a period of national emergency. A re-employed retired officer of Our Regular Army who completes 17 years' service on full pay during a period of national emergency may be granted the brevet rank of major from the date he completes such service.

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Heading on page 42. *For* "Temporary or acting" *substitute* "Acting, Temporary or War Substantive".

Delete Articles 189–191 and footnote thereto and *substitute* :—

Amdt. 222
Aug., 1939

189. Acting rank. In time of national emergency, officers who are called upon to perform the duties of a rank or appointment higher than their substantive rank shall be granted corresponding acting rank.

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* Amendments No. 79 notified in Army Order 114 of 1934.

† Amendments No. 13 notified in Army Order 167 of 1936.

‡ Amendments No. 217 notified in Army Order 124 of 1939.

190. An officer granted acting rank under Article 189 shall not be eligible for the pay of the higher rank until it has been held for 21 consecutive days, when the pay of the acting rank may be issued retrospectively from the date of the grant of the rank.

191. An officer granted acting rank under Article 189 shall have no claim to the pay of such acting rank beyond the date on which he ceases to perform the duties of the higher rank or appointment.

191A. Temporary rank. An officer performing the duties of a higher rank during a national emergency shall be granted temporary rank after holding paid acting rank for the following qualifying periods, which shall be reckoned cumulatively :—

Up to and including lieutenant-colonel	3 months.
Colonel 	6 months.
Major-general and above 	1 year.

An officer granted temporary rank shall have no claim to the pay of such temporary rank beyond the date on which he ceases to perform the duties of the higher rank or appointment.

191B. War substantive rank.—A second-lieutenant may, after 18 months' commissioned service during the emergency, be promoted to the war substantive rank of lieutenant, provided that he is recommended for such promotion.

An officer shall, on relinquishing temporary rank granted under Article 191A provided that his services have been satisfactory, be granted war substantive rank, tenable for the duration of the war, one grade lower than the temporary rank he relinquishes.

For the Army Council's Instruction on page 42 substitute—

Army Council's Instructions

Amdts. 223
Aug., 1939

Articles 189-191B.—1. Except in the Regular Army there will be no substantive promotion in war. In the Regular Army substantive promotion will continue as in peace, except that promotion to Lieutenant will be after 18 months' service during an emergency (*see* Article 102). In those corps in which promotion is still by vacancy into the establishment, the establishment to be worked on will be the peace establishment of the corps at the outbreak of war. The substantive promotion of regular officers will be administered by the War Office.

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2. Acting rank will be granted to fill vacancies in approved war establishments at home or in the theatre of war, or in the absence of actual vacancies in establishment to complete the strength of a unit or formation. Such promotion will be made on the basis of units or formations, and not on a regimental basis.

3. Officers holding acting or temporary rank who are granted leave of less than 21 days or are absent from their units on courses or other temporary duty for less than 21 days will not be struck off the strength of their units and will not be required to relinquish their paid acting or temporary rank unless they are not expected to return to their units on completion of such leave, temporary duty, etc. In the latter case any acting or temporary rank will be relinquished from the date the officer ceases to perform the duties of the higher rank or appointment.

4. Promotions to acting rank will be made by general officers commanding divisions. All promotions to acting rank and relinquishments thereof will be published in Part II Orders (A.F. O. 1810A) issued by General Headquarters in a theatre of war and by command headquarters in the case of other commands. Separate notifications will be required on the appointment of an officer to unpaid acting rank and on his subsequent appointment to paid acting rank after 21 consecutive days in the higher rank.

5. Promotions to temporary and war substantive rank will be carried out in the War Office, and notified in periodical lists.

6. Promotions to acting, temporary and war substantive rank will not be published in the *London Gazette*.

Appendix IX. Delete "Section (A) Officers" and footnote thereto.

By Command of the Army Council,



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THE WAR OFFICE,
31st August, 1939

ORDER BY HIS MAJESTY

A.O. 140 TERRITORIAL ARMY REGULATIONS, 1936—
1939 AMENDMENTS No. 44

S.R.O. 1018 WHEREAS it is provided by Section 7 of the 9
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1939 Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as modified by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921, that, subject to the provisions of Part II of the former Act, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by Order signified under the hand of a Secretary of State, to make orders with respect to the government, discipline, and pay and allowances of the Territorial Army, and with respect to all other matters and things relating to the Territorial Army;

AND WHEREAS under the said section of the said Act of 1907 His former Majesty King Edward VIII on the tenth day of November, 1936, made an order prescribing regulations for the Territorial Army;

AND WHEREAS His Majesty is pleased to make further orders under the said section of the said Act and to alter the said regulations;

A.O. 140 NOW THEREFORE His Majesty, in exercise of the
1939 powers conferred upon him by the said Act of 1907
continued and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, is
 pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the
 said regulations made on the tenth day of November,
 1936, be altered to the extent and in the
 manner set forth in the Schedule hereto.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

SCHEDULE

TERRITORIAL ARMY REGULATIONS, 1936— AMENDMENTS No. 44

Para. 822.

Sub-para. (a). Line 6. *After* " para. 19† "
insert " or under the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces
 Act, 1939 ".

Sub-para. (b). Line 4. *After* " para. 19† "
insert " or under the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces
 Act, 1939 ".

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

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1st September, 1939

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GENERAL MOBILIZATION

Directions of the Secretary of State for War and of the Army Council in pursuance of Royal Proclamations.

PART I.

His Majesty The King having been graciously pleased by Royal Proclamation made on the 1st day of September, 1939, to order that the Army Reserve (including the Militia) shall be called out on permanent service and further to order the Secretary of State for War from time to time to give such directions as may seem necessary or proper for calling out the said force or all or any of the men belonging thereto, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War has directed that warning is to be given forthwith by poster and by individual notice that all men of the Army Reserve (including the Militia, of which the Supplementary Reserve forms part, but not including militiamen undergoing a continuous period of six months' special training for which they are liable under Section 6 of the Military Training Act, 1939) are to report themselves in accordance with the instructions contained in their Certificates of Identity (Army Form D 461 or D 477) or in their Identity Books (Army Book 334 or 335), except men—

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- (a) who have received written orders or instructions to defer the time of joining the Colours whom he has directed to rejoin at the times and places specified in those written orders or instructions or in such further orders as may hereafter be given;

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- (b) who have been called out for service under the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act, 1939, and whose service under that Act has been terminated on the date hereof, whom he has directed to attend at the place where they were serving when their service under the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act, 1939, was terminated.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War has further directed that all men of the Army Reserve (including the Militia, of which the Supplementary Reserve forms part, but not including militiamen undergoing a continuous period of six months' special training for which they are liable under Section 6 of the Military Training Act, 1939), whether they receive individual notices or not, are to report themselves in accordance with the aforesaid orders or instructions.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War has further directed that all men of the Army Reserve (including the Militia, of which the Supplementary Reserve forms part, but not including militiamen undergoing a continuous period of six months' special training for which they are liable under Section 6 of the Military Training Act, 1939), who on being called out on permanent service in accordance with the said Royal Proclamation may be found to be temporarily unfit for service and may be relegated to the Reserve in accordance with the Regulations for Mobilization and on subsequent medical examination may be found fit for service either at home or abroad are to rejoin the Colours at their depots immediately on being so found fit for service.

PART II.

His Majesty The King having been graciously pleased by Royal Proclamation made on the 1st day of September, 1939, to order that the Army Reserve shall be called out on permanent service;

And His Majesty having thereupon on the same day been pleased to order the Army Council from time to time to give such directions as may seem necessary or proper for embodying all or any part of the Territorial Army;

And His Majesty having further been pleased **A.O. 158**
 by Royal Proclamation made on the same day to **1939**
 order that all soldiers who on or after that day *continued*
 would otherwise be entitled in pursuance of the
 terms of their enlistment to be transferred to the
 reserve shall continue in army service until legally
 discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve, and
 that the Army Council shall give all necessary
 directions therein accordingly:

The Army Council hereby—

- (1) direct that the Territorial Army (of which the Territorial Army Reserve forms part) be embodied immediately and that all officers on the active list of the Territorial Army and all officers of the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers belonging to Light Anti-Aircraft units Royal Artillery or to National Defence Companies and all men of the Territorial Army (including the Territorial Army Reserve) shall attend immediately at their headquarters, except officers and men who have been called out for service under the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act, 1939, and whose service under that Act has been terminated on the date hereof, who are to attend at the place where they were serving when their service under the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act, 1939, was terminated;
- (2) direct that all soldiers of the regular forces who, while the proclamation secondly above mentioned in Part II hereof is in force, would but for that proclamation be or become entitled in pursuance of the terms of their enlistment to be transferred to the reserve shall continue in army service until legally discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve;
- (3) order that all soldiers of the Regular Forces and all men of the Territorial Army who, while the proclamation first above mentioned in Part II hereof is in force, would but for that proclamation be or become entitled to be discharged shall be detained and that their service shall be prolonged for a further period of twelve months or such shorter period as the competent military authority may hereafter order;

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(4) order that all officers of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers (including the Supplementary Reserve of Officers) and all officers of the Militia and all officers of the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers other than those specified in paragraph (1) hereof, if they have been given written orders as to joining the Army for service or if they shall hereafter be given orders so to join shall act in accordance with them but that all such officers who have not received such orders shall await them and until they receive them shall take no action so to join;

(5) order—

(a) that the whole of the Regular Army and the Militia (including the Supplementary Reserve but not including militiamen undergoing a continuous period of six months special training for which they are liable under Section 6 of the Military Training Act, 1939) in Great Britain and Northern Ireland be mobilized in accordance with the regulations and instructions that have already been issued;

(b) that the second day of September, 1939, be the first day of mobilization.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
2nd September, 1939

A.O. 159 Prices to be Paid for Billeting in Emergency 1939

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1. His Majesty the King has, in pursuance of Section 108A (1) of the Army Act, authorized the issue of billeting requisitions in the United Kingdom.

2. In accordance with Section 108A (3) (c) of the Army Act, regulations have been issued (S.R.O., 1939, No. 931) fixing the billeting rates payable as follows :—

Officers, Soldiers, Women and Horses

Accommodation, etc., to be provided	Rates payable
Class I.	
(a) Officers :—	Three shillings a night for the first officer and two shillings a night for each additional officer.
Lodging and attendance.	
<i>Note.</i> —An officer will pay for his food.	
(b) Soldiers :—	Tenpence a night for the first soldier and eightpence a night for each additional soldier.
Lodging and attendance where meals are furnished.	
Breakfast as specified in Part I of the Second Schedule to the Army Act.	Eightpence each.
Dinner as so specified	Elevenpence each.
Tea as so specified	Threepence each.
Supper as so specified	Fivepence each.
Where no meals furnished, lodging and attendance, and the means and the necessary utensils for the preparation and cooking of his food.	Tenpence a night for the first soldier and eightpence a night for each additional soldier.
(c) Horses :—	
• Stable room and ten pounds of oats, twelve pounds of hay, and eight pounds of straw a day ; for each horse.	Two shillings and threepence a day.

* The manure remains the property of the War Department, which is entitled to any benefit arising from its disposal.

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Accommodation, etc., to be provided	Rates payable.
Class II.	
(a) Soldiers :— Lodging (with bed and attendance) when no meals and no cooking facilities are required ; for each soldier.	Sixpence a night.
(b) Horses :— • Proper stabling without forage ; for each horse.	Sixpence a day.
Class III.	
(a) Officers and Soldiers :— Unfurnished accommodation in occupied premises, for each officer or soldier.	Twopence a night.
Unfurnished accommodation in otherwise unoccupied premises ; for each officer or soldier.	One penny a night.
(b) Horses :— • Accommodation in buildings where proper stabling is not provided ; for each horse.	Threepence a day.

* The manure remains the property of the War Department, which is entitled to any benefit arising from its disposal.

The rates for soldiers (but not those for officers) specified in the above table will apply also in the case of women who are enrolled for employment by the Army Council.

Vehicles

Daily prices to be paid for each vehicle

Class of building or land (See para. 4)	Class of Vehicle (See para. 4)				
	I	II	III	IV	V
	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Class A	6	3	9	1 3	2 0
Class B	4	2	6	10	1 4
Class C	3	2	4	8	1 0
Class D	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

4. The classification of buildings and land for the purpose of billeting of vehicles is as follows :—

Class A

Buildings covered and enclosed on all sides.

Class B.

Buildings covered but not enclosed on every side.

Class C.

Land, not covered by a building, made up for the passage or parking of vehicles (not being land where vehicles are normally allowed to stand free of charge irrespective of the person by whom they are owned or driven).

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Class D.

Land, not covered by a building, not made up for the passage or parking of vehicles; and uncovered land made up for the passage or parking of vehicles where vehicles are normally allowed to stand free of charge irrespective of the person by whom they are owned or driven.

The Classification of vehicles is as follows :—

Class I.

Motor cycles with sidecar or similar attachment.

Class II.

Motor cycles without sidecar or similar attachment.

Class III.

Motor vehicles (other than motor cycles) and horse drawn vehicles of which the product of the over-all length and the over-all width (both measured to the nearest inch) does not exceed 125 square feet.

Class IV.

Motor vehicles (other than motor cycles) and horse drawn vehicles of which the product of the over-all length and the over-all width (both measured to the nearest inch) exceeds 125 square feet but does not exceed 180 square feet.

Class V.

Motor vehicles (other than motor cycles) and horse drawn vehicles of which the product of the over-all length and the over-all width (both measured to the nearest inch) exceeds 180 square feet

5. The rates have effect from 30th August, 1939, and those for officers, soldiers, women and horses are, as are those for vehicles, payable to keepers of victualling houses as well as to occupiers other than keepers of victualling houses.

A.O. 159 6. The rates to be paid for billeting, before 30th
1939 August, 1939, under the provisions of Article 13 of
continued the Military Training (Consequential Provisions)
 Order, 1939, and Article 20 of the Reserve and
 Auxiliary Forces (Consequential Provisions) Order,
 1939, will, as stated in War Office letter 14/General/
 9653 (Q.M.G. (o)) dated 2nd August, 1939, be those
 already shown inside the covers of Army Books
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7. The rates notified in Army Order 84 of 1939
 are accordingly suspended.

By Command of the Army Council,



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THE WAR OFFICE.

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Outfit Allowance.—1. The following rules will

govern the issue of outfit allowance to officers of the following categories, called out for service or granted commissions (other than permanent regular commissions) in a national emergency :—

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- (a) Officers of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers, the Militia (Special Reserve), Supplementary Reserve, Category C, or Territorial Army Reserve of Officers ;
- (b) Retired officers re-employed ;
- (c) Ex-officers or other persons granted temporary commissions.

2. The normal grant will be as follows :—

- (a) For officers in horsed cavalry and kilted regiments. £ 40
- (b) For all other officers 30

These grants will be subject to review by the Army Council from time to time and are designed to meet cases where—

- (a) officers in horsed cavalry and kilted regiments are required to possess two suits of service dress ; and
- (b) where other officers are required to possess one suit of service dress and one battle dress.

Officers under (b) should provide themselves with one suit of service dress only in the first instance. Battle dress may be obtained in due course from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps on repayment. If an officer under (b) is ordered abroad before

A.O. 160 battle dress is available for his unit or formation, he will be eligible for a further grant under this Army Order, the additional "normal grant" for this purpose being £10.

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If the requirements of uniform are altered, the amount of the normal grant will be reviewed.

3. An officer referred to in paragraph 1 (b) or (c) who has ceased to hold a commission in the Regular Army, the Regular Army Reserve of Officers, the Militia, the Supplementary Reserve, the Territorial Army, the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers or any local military force for not less than 12 months before his appointment to a temporary commission, or his re-employment, as the case may be, will be eligible for the normal grant on signing a certificate that he has purchased anew a complete outfit, and on the production of bills for the purchase of the outfit.

4. Any one referred to in paragraph 1 (b) or (c) who is not eligible for a grant under paragraph 3 above will be eligible for a grant under paragraphs 6, 7, 8 or 10, provided that he fulfils the conditions laid down in those paragraphs and in paragraph 9.

5. An officer of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers or Territorial Army Reserve of Officers called out for service will be eligible for the most favourable grant admissible under any one of the following paragraphs, but not under more than one paragraph.

6. An officer of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers or Territorial Army Reserve of Officers who has been absent from an active list and who has not otherwise been employed in a post where the wearing of uniform was ordered during the five years preceding the date of his calling out for service will be eligible for half the normal grant. If the interval since he last left an active list or was otherwise employed where the wearing of uniform was essential is not less than 15 years, he will be eligible for the normal grant.

7. An officer of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers or Territorial Army Reserve of Officers who has been absent from an active list and who

has not otherwise been employed where the wearing of uniform was ordered for more than one year will be eligible for a refund of the cost, not exceeding the normal grant, of reasonable and necessary alterations to uniform, necessitated by physical developments. Claims for such refunds will be supported by a certificate from the officer that the alterations were rendered necessary owing to changes in his figure, and by receipted bills.

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8. An officer of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers or Territorial Army Reserve of Officers called out for service will be eligible for a refund of the cost, not exceeding the normal grant, of reasonable and necessary authorized alterations to uniform, consequent on any change in pattern, cut or material. Claims for refunds will be supported by receipted bills. No allowance will be made in respect of any alteration due to change in rank.

9. No grant under paragraphs 7 or 8 will be admissible in respect of the replacement of articles worn out or no longer possessed by the officer where no change of pattern, cut or material is involved. No grant will be made under paragraphs 7 or 8, where the necessary expenditure does not exceed £2.

10. An officer of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers or Territorial Army Reserve of Officers or an ex-officer who refunded part of his outfit allowance on or after ceasing to serve on the Active List will be eligible, on being called out for service, for a grant equal to the difference between the normal grant and the amount of the previous outfit allowance retained by him.

11. No officer will be eligible for a grant under this Army Order unless he is found medically fit for service on being called out for service.

12. A retired officer who holds a commission in the Territorial Army and who is called out as an officer of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers, or if he is re-employed as an officer with the Regular Army on or after the date of mobilization will, subject to paragraph 9, be eligible for outfit allowance, not

A.O. 160 exceeding the normal grant laid down in paragraph 2, under the conditions set out in Allowance Regulations, 1938, para. 516.
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13. Where an officer received a refund of expenses incurred by him on uniform in connexion with his calling out for service in September, 1938, the amount then issued to him will be deducted from any allowance admissible under this Army Order. The fact that an officer served in uniform as a result of being called out in September, 1938, will not disqualify him from a grant under this Army Order for which he would otherwise have been eligible.

14. Claims for outfit allowance will be made on A.F. O 1608 to the army agents or command paymaster from whom the officer receives his first issue of pay.

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

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A.O. 161 **Camp Kit Allowance.—Officers (including**
1939 **Officers of the Auxiliary Territorial Service)**

1. An officer of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers, the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, the Militia (Special Reserve), called out for service in a national emergency, or a retired officer re-employed as an officer, or an ex-officer or any other person commissioned in a national emergency, who is required to use camp kit, will be eligible for an allowance of £5, provided that, within 15 years preceding the date of being called out for service, being commissioned or re-employed, as the case may be, he has not received an issue of camp kit in kind or an allowance in lieu. Claims will be made on A.F. O 1678 (which may be obtained from the command paymaster) to the command paymaster of the command in which the officer is serving.

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2. With reference to Supplementary Reserve Regulations, 1933, para. 298, and Territorial Army Regulations, 1936, para. 823, officers of the Supplementary Reserve called out on permanent service or officers of the Territorial Army called up on embodiment, in a national emergency, will also be eligible for camp kit allowance under the conditions set out in paragraph 1, and should claim the allowance in the manner therein stated.

3. Officers of the Auxiliary Territorial Service called out in an emergency will be eligible for the same allowance under the conditions set out in paragraph 1, and should claim the allowance in the manner therein stated.

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,

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A.O. 162
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Officers' and Serjeants' Messes Formed during an Emergency—Initial Grants

1. The grants under Allowance Regulations, 1938, para. 743, Supplementary Reserve Regulations, 1933, para. 413A, and Territorial Army Regulations, 1936, para. 826, will be at the following rates:—

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	£	s.	d.
Officers' Messes...	...	1 10	0 a head.
Serjeants' Messes	...	1 0	0 a head.

2. This grant is intended for the purchase of the essentials necessary for the formation of a field mess, and will be issued to any mess entitled to the grant, in the case of an officers' mess, in respect of each officer, or, in the case of a serjeants' mess, for each warrant officer or N.C.O. above the rank of corporal, on the war establishment of the unit or formation concerned. The grant will be issued only on a certificate from the O.C. unit or formation that a field mess has been or is being necessarily equipped.

3. No unit or formation which receives a grant under this Army Order will be eligible for any further grant in aid of initial mess expenditure during the emergency.

4. All Territorial Army units or formations will be eligible for the grant on embodiment, except that no grant will be made in so far as mess equipment necessary for a mess in the field has been provided from County Association public funds. Claims for the grant will be supported by a certificate from the O.C. unit or formation, to the effect that provision for mess equipment, either wholly or in part, has not been made by an Association.

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5. The grant will be payable in respect of formation messes and all units (whether Regular, Supplementary Reserve or Territorial Army), formed on or after mobilization, except where they are or have been provided with mess equipment at the public expense. The grant will also, subject to para. 6 below, be payable in respect of any regular unit not having a permanent mess in peace, of which the peace establishment is less than one-half the war establishment.

6. The grant will not be made in respect of any regular mess which had a permanent existence in peace immediately before the emergency.

7. The grants under para. 5 for units which expand on emergency will not be given in respect of schools, etc., for which essential mess equipment required on expansion is supplied by the public.

8. If any case arises of a regular unit which has no mess in peace and for which no grant is admissible under para. 5, the case may be referred to the War Office for special consideration if the G.O.C.-in-C. considers that the absence of any grant would involve serious hardship.

9. In the case of units or formations of the Territorial Army called out in advance of embodiment, grants under this Army Order will be admissible.

10. The allowance should be claimed on A.F. N 1470 from the command paymaster of the command in which the unit or formation is first stationed.

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MOBILIZATION OF MILITIAMEN

Directions of the Secretary of State for War in pursuance of a Royal Proclamation

With reference to Special Army Order 158 of 1939, in pursuance of the powers vested in him by a Royal Proclamation of His Majesty the King, dated 1st September, 1939, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War has now directed that Militiamen (Army Reservists) undergoing a continuous period of six months' special training for which they are liable under Section 6 of the Military Training Act, 1939, are to be called out on permanent service, and he has further directed that all such Militiamen shall be duly notified of his directions in the orders of the unit or formation with which they are serving.

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THE WAR OFFICE,

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**A.O. 164 National Health, Widows', Orphans' and Old
1939 Age Pensions, and Unemployment Insurance.**

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Instructions for dealing, on mobilization, with insurance cards and unemployment books of members (excluding officers*) of—

- (1) the Auxiliary Territorial Service,
- (2) Voluntary Aid Detachments,
- (3) Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, and
- (4) the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

1. The Auxiliary Territorial Service:—

(a) *Health Insurance*.—Personnel will be treated in the same way as soldiers serving on a normal engagement, *i.e.*, health insurance cards will not be stamped, a contribution at a special women's rate of $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ being paid direct to the Ministry of Health by the Army Council in respect of each woman, whether previously insured or not.

(b) *Pensions Insurance*.—Personnel will be treated in the same way as soldiers serving on a normal engagement, *i.e.*, cards will not be stamped, a contribution at the women's rate of $5\frac{1}{2}d.$ a week being paid direct to the Ministry of Health by the Army Council in respect of each woman, whether previously insured or not, of which sum the woman will be required to pay $3d.$ a week.

(c) The necessary card (A.F. O 1847) for (a) and (b) above will be prepared by the O.C. place of joining for each woman joining, whether she is

* Separate instructions will be issued regarding the insurance of officers of the A.T.S. and V.A.Ds.

A.O. 164 insured or not. A.F. O 1847 will be conspicuously marked "W" in red ink, so that it may be readily distinguished from those cards prepared in respect of reservists, etc., re-joining. When a woman possesses a civilian insurance card, this will be collected and attached to the A.F. O 1847.

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A.F. O 1847, together with the civil insurance card where attached, will then be passed to the regimental paymaster who, after noting the date from which contributions in respect of Pensions Insurance are recoverable from the woman, will pass A.F. O 1847 and insurance card, if any, to the officer i/c records, who will complete A.F. O 1847 where necessary, and afterwards forward the cards to the Ministry of Health.

(d) *Unemployment Insurance*.—(i) Personnel of the A.T.S. who were normally insured under the Unemployment Insurance Acts before embodiment or enrolment if subsequent to embodiment and are discharged within a period of four months of the date of embodiment or enrolment will be insured as civilians, and books will be stamped or franked at the time of their discharge to cover the period of their service, the whole of the contributions (employer's and employee's share) being paid from Army Funds. Personnel who, while normally employed in an insurable occupation in civil life, possess a certificate of exemption from liability to pay unemployment insurance contributions will hold exempt persons' books, and unemployment contributions will similarly be paid from Army Funds at the exempt person's rate (*i.e.*, employer's share). No steps will be taken to stamp books in respect of women not normally insured before embodiment or enrolment.

(ii) All women, whether they were normally insured before embodiment or enrolment, or not, who serve beyond a period of four months will be dealt with in the same way as regular soldiers in peace, in accordance with the terms of King's Regulations, 1935, Appendix XXVI. (Any unemployment book surrendered by such women on embodiment or enrolment will be returned to the Ministry of Labour, attached to the Form U.I. 3/XS.)

(iii) The proof of a woman's normal employment in an insurable occupation will be the fact that she has had an unemployment book issued to her.

Inquiries will be made of each woman as to whether she is normally insured, it being impressed upon her that the responsibility for establishing the fact of her insurance rests entirely with her. A.O. 164
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The stamping or franking of books of women referred to at (i) above will be carried out by the regimental paymaster.

The O.C. place of joining will arrange that personnel who are insured hand in their unemployment books or Ministry of Labour Form U.I. 40 (Receipt for Unemployment Book). These will be endorsed with the woman's army number and company and enclosed with other documents handed in for transmission to the officer i/c records or regimental paymaster, as the case may be.

(iv) In the case of a woman who states that she has lost her book or has left it in the possession of her employer or other person, or who produces Ministry of Labour Form U.I. 40 (Receipt for Unemployment Book), no steps will be taken to obtain the book, but, for the purpose of (i) above, an Unemployment (Arrears) Book will be used.

2. Voluntary Aid Detachments:—

(a) *Health Insurance*.—The procedure as for A.T.S. (1 (a) and (c) above) will apply.

(b) *Pensions Insurance*.—The procedure as for A.T.S. (1 (b) and (c) above) will apply.

(c) *Unemployment Insurance*.—The procedure as for A.T.S. (1 (d) above) will apply.

3. Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve:—

(a) *Health Insurance*.—The procedure as for A.T.S. (1 (a) and (c) above) will apply.

(b) *Pensions Insurance*.—The procedure as for A.T.S. (1 (b) and (c) above) will apply.

(c) *Unemployment Insurance*.—Personnel of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. will remain excepted from the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act and no contributions will be paid on their behalf.

4. The Territorial Army Nursing Service:—

Members of the T.A.N.S. will be treated similarly to members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in all respects.

By Command of the Army Council,

H. J. Creedy

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,

4th September, 1939

**A.O. 165 MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING
1939 TO THE ARMY**

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General
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Buckingham Palace,
4th September, 1939.

In all its long and glorious history, the British Army has never been called upon to take the field for a cause more just than that which is ours today; it has never entered on a campaign of which the issues were graver or more vital to the future of our race, and, indeed, of all civilization.

I know well that you realize what is at stake, and that, in the struggle which lies ahead, every man in my Armies will play his part with gallantry and devotion. It is my earnest prayer that God will have you in His keeping and grant success to your arms.

GEORGE R.I.

REPLY BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR WAR

The following reply to His Majesty's message was sent by the Secretary of State for War:—

The War Office,
4th September, 1939.

The Secretary of State for War, with his humble duty, has the honour to inform Your Majesty that he has today conveyed to the British Army Your

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A.O. 165 Majesty's most inspiring message, and humbly begs
1939 to be permitted on behalf of every soldier, whatever
continued his rank, to submit the Army's respectful thanks,
 together with their loyal assurance that, sustained
 and fortified by the knowledge that they are
 fighting in the most sacred of all causes under Your
 Majesty's gracious leadership, they will endeavour,
 both by devoted service and, if need be, by
 sacrifice, to maintain the glorious record and tradi-
 tion of those who have gone before them.

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
12th September, 1939

A.O.167 **Compulsory Stoppage of Soldiers' Pay for**
1939 **Maintenance of Wife or Children.—Delegation of powers of Army Council under the Army Act.**

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General
3843

1. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 138 (8) and 145 (2) of the Army Act, the Army Council hereby depute to the officers specified in paragraph 3 the powers vested in the Council under the above-quoted Sections of the Army Act, in regard to the stoppage from the pay of a soldier of money allocated for the maintenance of his wife or children or illegitimate children.

2. The Council further depute their powers under the provisions of the Army Act referred to, in the event of the absence of any of the officers specified in paragraph 3, to the officer who may be, for the time being, in command.

3. The list of officers to whom the Army Council hereby depute their powers as above is as follows

Commanders of Territorial Army Divisions.
Commanders of Territorial Army Brigades.
Commanders Royal Artillery, Territorial Army.

By Command of the Army Council.

H. J. Creedy

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THE WAR OFFICE,

12th September, 1939

**A.O. 169 National Health, Widows', Orphans' and Old
1939 Age Pensions, and Unemployment In-
surance of—**

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- (i) **Officers of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces and Temporary Officers, and**
- (ii) **Officers of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and Voluntary Aid Detachments.**

(i) *Officers of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces and persons granted temporary commissions:—*

1. During the present emergency, Reserve and Territorial officers called up, retired officers taken into employment, and persons granted temporary commissions, if they were normally in insurable employment in Great Britain immediately before entering Army service, will be retained in insurance during this service for a period not exceeding 4 months under the following arrangements.

2. *Health Insurance and Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions.*—(a) In the case of officers who come within the scope of paragraph 1, the O.C. the unit to which the officer is first posted on being called into Army service will complete A.F. O 1847, in duplicate, clearly indicating that the individual is an officer and marking the form "Emergency Service". One copy of the completed form will be forwarded to the army agents or command paymaster from whom the officer receives his pay, and the other copy, together with the officer's civilian health insurance card, sent to the Ministry of Health Insurance Department, Bromyard Avenue, Acton, W. 3.

A.O. 169 (b) During the officer's army service, insurance
1939 cards will not be stamped but a contribution at a
continued special rate of 1s. 2d. a week (3d. for Health Insurance and 11d. for Contributory Pensions) will be paid directly to the Ministry of Health. The cost of this contribution will be shared equally between the officer concerned and the Army Council. The army agents or command paymaster by whom the officer's pay is being issued will deduct from such pay, before issue, the officer's share of the cost of the contribution for the period to which the pay relates, and credit the amount to "Ministry of Health, National Health Insurance and Widows', etc., Pensions Contributions". The gross pay of the officer will be charged against the appropriate pay vote. Adjustment in respect of the Army Council's share of the cost of the contribution will be effected by the War Office.

3. *Unemployment Insurance.* — (a) Officers affected will hand in their civilian insurance books to the Os.C. the units to which they are first posted on being called into service, who will transmit them to the army agents or command paymasters issuing the pay to the officers concerned.*

(b) The insurance books will be stamped by the army agent or command paymaster at the normal rates payable in respect of civilian employment, viz.

Officers 21 years of age or over—

Employee's share	...	9d.
Employer's share	...	9d.
Total	...	1s. 6d.

Officers between the ages of 18 and 21 years—

Employee's share	...	8d.
Employer's share	...	8d.
Total	...	1s. 4d.

* If an officer has lost or destroyed his book, he will forward to the nearest employment exchange an application for a temporary book together with a statement showing his full Christian name(s) and date of birth, also the local office of issue of the original unemployment book if known, and will forward the temporary book when received to the army agents or paymaster. If an officer is for any other reason not in possession of a book, he should be instructed to send for it and forward it when received to the army agents or paymaster. If the original unemployment book is not forthcoming at the end of a period of 14 days, an officer will apply to the nearest employment exchange, as in the case of a book lost or destroyed, for a temporary book.

The employee's share will be recovered from **A.O. 169** the pay issued to the officer concerned for the **1939** relevant period, the employer's share being paid *continued* by the Army Council.

Officers who are normally employed in an insurable occupation but possess a certificate of exemption will hold exempt persons' books, and in their cases these will be stamped at the normal exempt persons' rate, namely, 9*d.* a week in the case of officers of 21 years of age or over, or 8*d.* a week in the case of officers between the ages of 18 and 21 years, no part of which will be recovered from the officer.

The gross pay of the officer will be charged against the appropriate pay vote, the necessary deductions in respect of the officer's share of the cost of the insurance contribution being made before issue. The cost of the Army Council's share of the contribution will be charged to the appropriate Insurance vote.

4. *General.*—(i) The responsibility for establishing the fact that he was previously insured in civil life rests entirely with the officer concerned, and, unless this fact is established by him within a period of one month after his joining for service on or after mobilization, he will not be treated during his army service as having been insured in civil life.

(ii) In the event of an officer being transferred from the payment of one command paymaster to another, or to an army agent (or vice versa), the former paying authority will inform the latter of the date on which the officer's mobilized service began, the amount of the contributions and the date up to which adjustment has been made. The officer's unemployment book should accompany his last pay certificate.

(iii) In no case will any steps be taken to insure officers who were not normally in insurable employment before undertaking service as indicated, nor to insure any officer for a period in excess of four months from the date on which he joined for duty on or after mobilization.

A.O. 169 (ii) *Officers of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and Voluntary Aid Detachments:—*
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1. *Health and Pensions Insurance.*—The procedure as laid down above for officers of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces will similarly apply to Auxiliary Territorial Service and Voluntary Aid Detachment officers, except that A.F. O 1847 will be conspicuously marked "W" in red ink, in order that such cards may be readily distinguished from those of other officers.

The rate in respect of these officers will be 8*d.* a week (2½*d.* for Health Insurance and 5½*d.* for Contributory Pensions), the cost of which will be shared equally between the officer concerned and the Army Council.

2. *Unemployment Insurance.*—The same procedure as for officers of the Reserve Forces, etc., above will be applied, except that the women's rates of contributions will apply.

General.—If necessary, further instructions will be issued at a later date regarding action to be taken after the period of 4 months, referred to in paragraph 1 above, has expired.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
16th September, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Introduction of Dependants' Allowance

GEORGE R.I.

A.O. 170
1939

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient during the present emergency to supplement in certain respects the provision made by soldiers of Our Army for the maintenance of their dependants ;

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General
939

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that during the period of the present war, unless and until we see fit to withdraw or modify these instructions, an allowance, hereinafter called Dependants' Allowance, shall be issuable at the rates and under the conditions stated in the regulations contained in the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant ;

OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that, when the issue of such Dependants' Allowance is authorized, a qualifying allotment, as prescribed, shall be deducted from the pay of the soldier and issued to the dependant as a part of the allowance.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
14th day of September, 1939, in the
3rd year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

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SCHEDULE

Regulations for Dependants' Allowance in time of National Emergency

SECTION A—CLASSES ELIGIBLE

1. *Soldiers*.—Dependants' Allowance will be issuable, under the conditions and at the rates stated in these regulations, to dependants (as defined in paragraphs 2 and 15) of enlisted warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men who—

- (i) belong to units or sub-units raised in the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man ;
- (ii) are serving with the Colours, and being paid directly from army funds at rates prescribed in the Pay Warrant ; and
- (iii) are not on the married establishment or in receipt of family allowance.

2. *Dependants*.—(a) The dependants for whom this allowance may be issued are individuals who are totally or partially dependent* on the soldier concerned, and who stand to him in one or other of the following relationships, and fulfil the conditions stated in the particular case :—

- (i) Wife, or legitimate, legitimated or statutorily adopted child, or legitimate step-child, for whom family allowance is not in issue, or illegitimate child not referred to in (ii) below, provided, in the case of a child of any of these categories, that he or she is either not above the age limit prescribed for compulsory full time school attendance in the United Kingdom or is incapable of self support and not above the age of 21 years.
- (ii) "Unmarried wife" and children of herself and the soldier, under her care, subject to the special conditions of paragraph 8 below.
- (iii) Father or, where both parents are alive, father *or* mother, subject in either case to the condition that the father is incapable of self-support* ;
- (iv) Widowed mother ;

* See definition in paragraph 15.

- (v) Grandparent, step-parent, foster-parent (that is, a person who has acted in the place of a parent to the soldier and has wholly or mainly supported him during his minority for a period of not less than five years), grandchild, brother or sister (including half-brother or half-sister), subject in each case to the condition that the dependant is incapable of self-support.*

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(b) Dependants' Allowance will not be issuable to more than one dependant in respect of any one soldier, or to any dependant in respect of more than one member of His Majesty's Forces.

(c) Dependants' Allowance will be subject to the general regulations governing the issue of Family Allowance, so far as these are relevant; in particular, it will not be issuable to or in respect of any dependant who is—

- (i) sent to an approved school as a result of a magistrate's order;
- (ii) an inmate of an inebriate reformatory or other state-aided institution;
- (iii) maintained, at the public expense or otherwise, without cost to the soldier;
- (iv) adopted out of the soldier's family.

SECTION B.—CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY.

3. The primary conditions of eligibility for a grant of Dependants' Allowance, apart from those stated in paragraphs 1 and 2, will be—

- (a) the existence of actual dependency as defined in paragraph 15 (a) to an extent exceeding the qualifying allotment appropriate to the soldier's rate of pay;
- (b) declarations by the soldier concerned and the dependant that the beneficiary is in fact dependent* upon him;
- (c) an allotment by the soldier from his pay, in favour of the dependant, at a rate not less than that which would be required as a condition for the issue of Family Allowance (elsewhere referred to as the "qualifying allotment");

* See definition in paragraph 15.

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(d) an appreciable adverse effect on the resources of the dependant's household, amounting to hardship, as a result of the soldier's joining the Colours, and consequent inability to continue his normal contributions.

4. The issue of Dependants' Allowance will be liable to discontinuance in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the dependant (*see* paragraph 12).

5. Dependants' Allowance will be issuable, where the prescribed conditions are fulfilled, for every day for which full pay is issued to the soldier concerned, and also for any period—

- (a) during which the soldier is under arrest, in confinement awaiting trial, or in detention or imprisonment under a sentence not involving discharge from the Army; or is a prisoner of war, or interned in a neutral country, subject to his not being discharged from the Army;
- (b) following the actual or officially assumed death of the soldier, for the remainder of the Dependants' Allowance week during which the casualty is reported, and a further period of 13 weeks.

6. Dependants' Allowance will cease to be issuable on the marriage or re-marriage of the dependant.

SECTION C—RATES OF ALLOWANCE

7. (a) The rate of allowance payable in each case will depend partly on the amount which the soldier was contributing towards the maintenance of the dependant before joining the Colours and, partly on the circumstances of the dependant's household during the soldier's absence. It will be issued at one or other of three fixed rates, determined in accordance with the following provisions:—

(b) No allowance under these regulations will be admissible if the total net income of the dependant's household after payment of rent and rates amounts to an average of 15s. or more a week for each member of the household (children not

above compulsory school age counting as half a person each) except in the case of a dependant who is living alone or as a member of a household in which there is no other income (see sub-paragraph (c)).

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(c) No allowance will be given at a rate which will raise the average income of each member of the dependant's household, calculated as in sub-paragraph (b), to an average exceeding 18s. 6d. a week (or 23s. 6d. a week in the case of a dependant who is living alone).

(d) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c), the rate payable will be assessed as follows:—

<i>If the average net weekly contribution by the soldier towards the support of the dependant during the 6 months preceding his joining the Colours.</i>	<i>Rate of allowance (including qualifying allotment of pay under para. 3 (c)) :—</i>
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exceeded 9s. but did not exceed 15s.		Rate "M" = 12s. a week.
exceeded 15s.		Rate "N" = 17s. a week.

A special rate "O" of 20s. 6d. a week (including qualifying allotment) will be issuable to a dependant living alone, or as a member of a household having no other income, who is wholly dependent on the soldier and towards whose maintenance he, before joining the Colours, contributed a net sum of not less than 20s. 6d. a week.

(e) In cases of dependants otherwise eligible who reside outside the United Kingdom, special rates (which may be either higher or lower than the above) and administrative arrangements may, if necessary, be prescribed.

SECTION D—"UNMARRIED WIVES"

8. A woman who has lived with a soldier as his wife, and who was wholly or substantially maintained by him on a permanent domestic basis for a continuous period of not less than six months†

† This period may be modified, in exceptional cases, with special War Office authority.

A.O. 170 immediately before the date of his joining the
1939 Colours, may be given in respect of herself and any
continued children of the soldier who are in her care a Special
 Dependants' Allowance at the rate and subject to
 the conditions which would be applicable to Family
 Allowance if the parties were married.

SECTION E—ADMINISTRATIVE

9. In all normal cases, Dependants' Allowance will be assessed and issued, and all correspondence with the interested parties conducted, by the fixed centre paymaster who keeps the account of the soldier concerned.

10. (a) Individuals will only be considered for award of Dependants' Allowance when applications have been received by the appropriate fixed centre paymaster both from the individual concerned and from the soldier on whom he or she is claimed to be dependent.

(b) Payment of the allowance, when authorized, will normally be made with effect from the date of joining the Colours, or the date of introduction of this allowance, if later. If, however, the allowance is not claimed within a month from such date, payment will be authorized only from the date of the claim.

(c) Payment will normally be made weekly in advance, and any alteration of rate, or (except as in paragraph 5 (b)) the termination of a payment, will be effected as from the end of the week in which the relevant change of circumstances takes place.

(d) Resumption of Dependants' Allowance after cessation of payment owing to any of the necessary conditions of eligibility not being fulfilled will normally only be considered on receipt of a fresh claim, which will be dealt with as if the case were a new one.

II. *Variation in rate of award.*—(a) *General.*—Awards of Dependants' Allowance will be subject at any time to review and re-investigation, and to variation or termination either as a result of such review or in the event of a relevant change of circumstances. Soldiers and dependants in receipt of the allowance (or their guardians in the case of juveniles) will be responsible for notifying to the

fixed centre paymaster, immediately it occurs, any such change of circumstances, and will be responsible for the repayment of any over-issue that may result from a failure to do this. They may also be required, from time to time, to make fresh declarations regarding their position, and a failure to render such a declaration, when called for, will involve a discontinuance of the allowance.

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(b) *Change of rank, etc.—*

- (i) If, owing to a change in the rank or rate of pay of a soldier, the appropriate rate of qualifying allotment rises to an amount equal to or exceeding the rate of Dependants' Allowance in issue, the issue of Dependants' Allowance will cease, but the same rate of payment will be continued as an allotment unless and until instructions to the contrary are received from the soldier.
- (ii) On the promotion of a warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or man to a commission, Dependants' Allowance will continue in issue by the fixed centre paymaster at the rate in force immediately before the promotion for a fortnight after the end of the week in which the paymaster concerned receives notification of the promotion, issues from the date of the promotion being recovered from the officer's pay.

12. *Misconduct* (see paragraph 4). — (a) The issue of Dependants' Allowance will be stopped during any period of imprisonment to which the dependant is sentenced.

(b) In any other cases of serious misconduct on the part of an individual in receipt of Dependants' Allowance, the circumstances will be reported to the War Office for instructions.

(c) When the issue of Dependants' Allowance is discontinued on account of a dependant's misconduct, no Dependants' Allowance will be issuable for any children living with the dependant concerned. If, however, such children are placed under the care of another person nominated as guardian by the soldier, any Dependants' Allowance issuable in respect of them may be paid to this guardian together with any voluntary allotment that may be authorized by the soldier.

A.O. 170**SECTION F—MISCELLANEOUS****1939***continued*

13. *Fraudulent claims.*—A fraudulent claim, either by a dependant or by a soldier, will permanently disqualify the dependant or soldier who prefers it from an award, and will render him or her liable to prosecution or other disciplinary action. Every such case will be specially reported to the War Office.

14. *Exceptional cases.*—(a) These regulations are designed to provide for the necessary action, with a minimum of reference to the War Office, in normal cases. Cases presenting abnormal features, *i.e.*, in which the regulations do not appear to the paying officer concerned to be appropriate, will be referred to the War Office for special instructions.

(b) All cases of the following categories, in addition to those referred to in paragraphs 12 (b) and 13, will be so referred to the War Office :—

- (i) When a Court Order or a compulsory stoppage of pay under Section 145 of the Army Act, in respect either of the dependant claimed for or some other person, is known or believed to be in force against the soldier concerned ;
- (ii) When the dependant is resident or proceeds abroad (*see* para. 7 (e)).

SECTION G—DEFINITIONS

15. In these regulations, the undermentioned terms will be understood as having the meanings here stated—

(a) *Dependency.*—The receipt of genuine regular and substantial support or benefit from the soldier, apart from any payment for services rendered, for a considerable and continuous period (normally not less than six months) immediately before the date of the soldier's joining the Colours;

(b) *Dependant.*—A person within one of the categories specified in paragraph 2 who fulfils the condition of dependency indicated in sub-paragraph (a) above.

A "juvenile dependant" is one not above the age limit for compulsory full time school attendance.

(c) *Incapacity for self-support.* Inability of the **A.O. 170** person concerned to support himself or herself, solely **1939** by reason either of physical or mental infirmity of *continued* a prolonged or permanent nature, or of age as defined in sub-paragraph (d) below.

(d) *Age for the purposes of sub-paragraph (c) above—*

- (i) In the case of juvenile dependants, the age up to which full time school attendance is compulsory, under the law.
- (ii) In the case of adult dependants, the period beginning on the 60th or 65th anniversary of birth, according as the dependant is a woman or man.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
15th September, 1939

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1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Allowances for Married Officers

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient during the present emergency to provide for the issue of certain allowances to married officers of Our Army.

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General
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OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the instructions contained in the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant shall become operative with effect from 11th September, 1939, and until we see fit to provide otherwise.

OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that, where the provisions of this Our Warrant are at variance with the provisions of the King's Regulations for the Army and the Army Reserve, 1935, the Regulations for the Allowances of the Army, 1938, the Regulations for the Territorial Army (including the Territorial Army Reserve) and for County Associations, 1936, or the Regulations for Officers of the Supplementary Reserve of Officers and for the Supplementary Reserve, 1933, or any other regulations, the instructions contained in this Our Warrant shall over-ride the provisions of the said regulations.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
9th day of September, 1939, in the 3rd
year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

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1. *Definitions.*

For the purpose of these instructions, an officer will be regarded as a married officer (subject to the over-riding conditions below) only if:—

- (i) he is married and provides financially for the maintenance of his wife; or
- (ii) being a widower or divorced or a married officer who does not provide financially for the maintenance of his wife, he has a child or children for whose maintenance he provides financially.

The expression “ a child or children ” will be held to cover:—

- (a) the officer's unmarried daughters, step-daughters, or daughters adopted under the provisions of the Adoption of Children Act, 1926, the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, or the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Act, 1930, dependent on him and normally residing with him or at school; and
- (b) his sons, step-sons, or sons adopted under the provisions of the Acts referred to above, under 18 years of age. (Cases where sons, step-sons or adopted sons over 18 years of age suffer from mental or bodily infirmity may be submitted for special consideration).

It will not include:—

- (i) children adopted, under the provisions of the Acts referred to above or otherwise, by a widower or a divorced officer without other children as defined above;
- (ii) children of a divorced officer, unless the officer has been made their legal custodian, even though he may contribute to their maintenance; and
- (iii) children for whose maintenance the officer does not provide financially.

In the interpretation of these instructions, references to an officer's family will be held to

cover only his wife (if he provides financially for her maintenance) and such children as are recognized by the definition above.

2. *Exceptions and limitations.*

These instructions do not apply to officers on the Indian or Burma establishment, regarding whom separate instructions will be issued if and when necessary.

These instructions will apply only to officers who are remunerated on a basis of ordinary full pay and allowances. They will not apply to an officer who, by reason of receipt of an inclusive rate of pay or otherwise, is not entitled to the free provision of accommodation at the public expense, nor to an officer who is not in receipt of army rates of pay as laid down in the Pay Warrant.

Unless it is otherwise specifically provided, the allowances referred to in these instructions will be issuable to an officer only while he is in receipt of full pay.

During any period in which an officer's wife and/or any child is provided with passage at the public expense, he will not qualify to receive allowances as a married officer under these instructions.

The entitlement for which provision is made in these instructions will be in lieu of, and not additional to, any entitlement in respect of the accommodation of an officer and/or his family for which provision is made in existing regulations.

The allowance for married officers who are less than 30 years of age is introduced primarily to provide for the families of officers who are called out for service or who are granted temporary commissions during the present emergency. Although the allowance is extended to regular officers, it is not introduced as a permanent feature of the system of army allowances and it is therefore liable to be withdrawn in due course.

3. *Rates of family lodging allowance.*

Subject to any exceptions stated in these instructions, a family lodging allowance will be issuable to married officers to whose families

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quarters are not allotted, at the following daily rates:—

- (i) Officers who are 30 years of age or over.
Classification for Allowances

			Rate
			s. d.
Classes 1 to 4	...	...	11 0
Classes 5 and 6	...	...	9 6†
Classes 7 and 8	...	...	7 6
Class 9	...	...	6 0

- (ii) Officers who are less than 30 years of age.
If family* consists of:—

			s. d.
Wife only	...	...	3 0
Wife and one child*	...	...	4 6
Wife and two or more children*	...	...	5 6
One child* only	...	...	4 6
Two or more children* only	...	...	5 6

In determining an officer's classification for allowances, regard will be had to temporary rank so long as it carries the pay of the rank, but not to paid or unpaid acting rank. When an officer relinquishes temporary rank, his classification for allowances will be determined by his war substantive rank, if granted; otherwise by his substantive rank.

4. Separation from family by the exigencies of the service.

If no member of an officer's family is residing with him at his station, he will be regarded as separated from his family owing to the exigencies of the service, except that if the family of a regular officer over 30 years of age serving at a home station at the date these instructions become operative:—

- (i) is already separated from him otherwise than by one of the causes referred to in Allowance Regulations, 1938, paras. 120 and 124, or

* See definition in paragraph 1.

† Where this rate is in excess of the total of the current daily married rates of lodging, furniture, fuel and light allowances for Class 5 or Class 6 at a home station, these allowances will be issuable in lieu thereof.

- (ii) voluntarily leaves the station either privately or under a Government evacuation scheme,

separation due to either of these causes will not be regarded as due to the exigencies of the service, so long as the officer remains at that particular station.

An officer who is separated from his family owing to the exigencies of the service will be entitled to family lodging allowance (if quarters are not allotted to his family) and, in addition, to accommodation as though he were unmarried. Where, in such a case, the circumstances are such that, if the officer were unmarried, an allowance or allowances would be issuable in lieu of accommodation, he will receive such allowance or allowances.

Separation of an officer from his family will be held to exist only if he is separated from all the members of his family.

If accommodation (whether in tents, huts, billets, or quarters) separate from that occupied by his family is compulsorily allotted to an officer, he will be regarded as separated from his family owing to the exigencies of the service if the family resides elsewhere at the same station.

Attention is drawn to the fact that officers serving *abroad* will, in circumstances in which they have hitherto been regarded as "voluntarily separated" from their families (*see* King's Regulations, 1935, para. 1351 (as amended by Amendments No. 9, notified in Army Order 149 of 1936 and Amendments No. 21, notified in Army Order 142 of 1937)), be regarded as separated from their families owing to the exigencies of the service.

5. *Officers not separated from families owing to the exigencies of the service.*

(a) A married officer of 30 years of age or over who is not separated from his family owing to the exigencies of the service (*see* para. 4) will be liable to allotment of married officers' quarters under ordinary peace procedure if he was, immediately before the effective date of these instructions, serving under conditions involving liability to

such allotment of married quarters, or if, in any other case, the Army Council deem it advisable that married quarters should be allotted.

A married officer of 30 years of age or over to whom married quarters are not allotted and whose family is not separated from him owing to the exigencies of the service (*see* para. 4) will receive, instead of family lodging allowance, the married rates of lodging allowance and furniture allowance as laid down in Allowance Regulations, 1938, together with the married rate of fuel and light allowance laid down in Army Orders*, or, at a station abroad, in the local orders of the command, from time to time, but he will not be entitled to free provision of accommodation, fuel and light for himself or any allowance in respect thereof.

(b) A married officer who is less than 30 years of age and whose family is not separated from him owing to the exigencies of the service (*see* para. 4) will be entitled to the issue of the single rates of lodging and fuel and light allowances (or such other allowance/s in lieu thereof as may be authorized by the Army Council in special cases) only if the circumstances are such that these allowances would have been issuable if he were unmarried, except that (i) the total issue (*i.e.*, family lodging allowance plus single rates of lodging and fuel and light allowances or authorized allowance/s in lieu thereof) will be limited to an amount not exceeding that which would be issuable if the officer were 30 years of age or over, and (ii) the single rates of lodging and fuel and light allowances or allowance/s in lieu thereof will not be issuable if the officer's family occupies married quarters.

6. Occupation of quarters by non-entitled officers.

(a) When an officer who is entitled to the married rates of lodging, furniture, fuel and light allowances under para. 5 (a) of these instructions wishes to occupy a single quarter in barracks during such periods as it is not required by an entitled officer, he may be permitted to do so,

* *Note.*—The current rates*at home stations are laid down in Army Order 46 of 1939.

subject to his paying a rent equal to the rate of lodging allowance of the officer to whom the quarter would normally be allotted.

(b) In the case of a married officer who is less than 30 years of age, married officers' quarters may be occupied by:—

- (i) the officer and his family if they are not separated: or
- (ii) the family of the officer if it is separated from him,

only if, and for so long as, the quarters are not required for a married officer who is 30 years of age or over, for the family of such an officer, or for any military purpose. In case (i), free issues of fuel and light for the quarters will be admissible only on the scales appropriate to the type of single officers' quarters normally allotted to an officer of the occupant's rank, but, in case (ii), free issues of fuel or light will not be admissible for the quarters occupied by the family.

7. *Change of station, etc.*

The grant of indemnity in respect of rent liability on change of station, etc., will continue to be subject to the conditions laid down in Allowance Regulations, 1938, paras. 108 and 139. In the case of a married officer who has not attained the age of 30 years, indemnity will be payable only if he was in receipt of the single rate of lodging allowance, and, in such case, the indemnity will be assessed by reference to the single rate of lodging allowance only.

8. *Continued occupation of lodgings by family after separation.*

A married officer, of 30 years of age or over, in receipt of the married rates of lodging, fuel and light allowances and furniture allowance, who:—

- (i) on his leaving the station at which the allowances were drawn, becomes separated from his family owing to the exigencies of the service (*see* para. 4), or
- (ii) is admitted to hospital

may (if in case (i) he certifies that no claim in respect of the lodgings he has vacated will be

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made under Allowance Regulations, 1938, para. 108) continue to receive these allowances, but not family lodging allowance, for such period (not exceeding 91 days, except in the special cases in which Allowance Regulations, 1938, para. 119 (b), provides that this period may be exceeded) as the family remains in the lodgings previously occupied with the officer. On the expiration of this period, family lodging allowance only will be admissible in respect of his family. Where an officer, in case (i), retains his entitlement to a claim under Allowance Regulations, 1938, para. 108, family lodging allowance only will be admissible in respect of the family from the date of separation.

9. *Death of officer.*

An allowance or allowances issuable in respect of an officer's family under the provisions of these instructions will continue to be admissible for a period of 91 days after the date of cessation of pay as a result of his death or assumed death. The rate will be that in issue at the date of the officer's death or assumed death.

Such allowance or allowances will be supplemented by an allowance at a weekly rate equal to two days' pay at the rate last in issue to the officer. Further instructions will be issued as to whether pay other than regimental pay may be taken into account in assessing such supplementary allowance.

Allowances admissible under this paragraph will be payable, by the army paymaster concerned, to the officer's widow or, in the case of an officer who was a widower or divorced or who did not provide financially for the maintenance of his wife, to such person or persons as he may have nominated for this purpose. The allowance will cease if the beneficiary marries or remarries.

10. *Absence of officer on temporary duty.*

When a married officer serving at a station where he is not separated from his family owing to the exigencies of the service (see para. 4) is temporarily ordered away from that station (referred to below as his "permanent station") on duty likely to terminate within six months,

his entitlement to accommodation, or allowances in lieu, of himself and his family will be as follows:—

- (a) When a married quarter is allotted at his permanent station, he will be entitled to be accommodated at his temporary station as if he were unmarried. For an officer who is less than 30 years of age, there will be no entitlement to fuel and light for quarters retained by his family at his permanent station.
- (b) When a married quarter is not allotted at his permanent station and
 - (i) when he retains and does not sub-let the lodgings at his permanent station occupied when on duty there, he will receive:—

If he is 30 years of age or over—the married rates of lodging, fuel and light and furniture allowances, or
If he is less than 30 years of age—family lodging allowance; also the single rate of lodging allowance (but not fuel and light allowance), if this was in issue when he was at his permanent station, for so long as it would have continued to be admissible if he had not left that station, provided that the total issue (*i.e.*, family lodging allowance plus the single rate of lodging allowance) will be limited to an amount not exceeding that which would be issuable if the officer were 30 years of age or over.

In addition, the officer will, in either case, be entitled to be accommodated at his temporary station as if he were unmarried.

- (ii) when he relinquishes or sub-lets the lodgings at his permanent station occupied while on duty there but lodges separately from his family during his temporary duty, he will draw the appropriate rate of family

lodging allowance and, in addition, will be entitled to be accommodated at his temporary station as if he were unmarried.

- (iii) when he relinquishes or sub-lets the lodgings at his permanent station occupied while on duty there and lodges with his family during his temporary duty, he will have no entitlement in respect of his permanent station, and allowances at his temporary station will be adjusted as provided in para. 5.

In cases (a) and (b) (i) and (ii) above, if the circumstances at his temporary station are such that, if he were unmarried, the single rates of lodging, fuel and light allowances (or such other allowance/s in lieu thereof as may be authorized by the Army Council in special cases), would be issuable, he will receive these, subject, in cases (a) and (b) (i), to the condition that he certifies that he is not continuing to reside in the quarters or lodgings retained at his permanent station.

II. *Absence from duty on leave or owing to sickness.*

During an officer's absence on leave (ordinary or sick) from a station, admissibility or otherwise of family lodging allowance or the married rates of lodging, fuel and light and furniture allowances, as the case may be, will be determined, for so long as the officer is in receipt of full pay, as though he were still at duty, except that, in the case of a married officer who is 30 years of age or over and is in receipt of family lodging allowance, this allowance will cease if and when he rejoins his family during sickness and he will then receive, in lieu, the married rates of lodging, fuel and light, and furniture allowances; in such a case, the issue of single rates of lodging, fuel and light allowances, if these were already in issue, will be discontinued.

The admissibility of single rates of lodging, fuel and light allowances during an officer's absence from duty on leave or owing to sickness will, unless and until instructions to the contrary are

issued, continue to be subject to the rules which apply in peace. Where these allowances are issuable to a married officer under 30 years of age who is not separated from his family for a reason stated in para. 4, the total issue will be limited as provided in para. 5 (b) (i) of these instructions.

In the case of an officer, less than 30 years of age, who is in occupation of married quarters under para. 6 (b) (i), free issues of fuel and light for the quarters will continue only if they would be admissible under the rules governing issues to an unmarried officer.

12. Allotment of unfurnished married quarters to an officer.

The issue of furniture allowance to married officers who are 30 years of age or over and to whom, or to whose families, married quarters are allotted will be at the rate and under the conditions generally applicable in peace, except that continuance during absence on leave, sickness, etc., will be subject generally to the conditions specified in these instructions for the continuance of the married rate of lodging allowance.

13. Mode of issue.

Issue of any allowances due in accordance with these instructions will be made to the officer (except in the case of allowances due in accordance with para. 9) and not to his family, under such arrangements as may be specified by the Army Council.

Army Council's instructions

1. Payment of allowances under this Army Order will be made by the command paymaster direct to an officer or to his bankers, together with any other allowances to which the officer may be entitled, at the end of each month.

2. A married officer (as defined in para. 1 of the Schedule to this Army Order) will be required to render a claim for married allowances on A.F. O 1646 (of which a copy is appended) to the command paymaster of the command in which his unit is serving. A copy of A.F. O 1646 will be retained by the officer for his information and guidance.

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In any special case where it is considered necessary, an officer may be called upon by the C.O. or by the paymaster to explain the nature and extent of the provision which he makes for his wife and/or any member of his family for whom allowances are claimed.

Where an officer's marriage certificate has not previously been forwarded to the paymaster for notation, it must accompany A.F. O 1646.

Where allowances for children are claimed by officers under 30 years of age, birth and, where applicable, adoption certificates must also be forwarded with A.F. O 1646.

The officer's birth certificate should accompany A.F. O 1646 in the case of a married officer over 30 years of age, if the certificate has not previously been forwarded to a paymaster. Where an officer was in receipt of married allowances under the regulations in force before 11th September, 1939, the officer's birth certificate need not be forwarded.

3. The rendering of A.F. O 1646 will be recorded on A.F. O 1848 or, in the case of officers who are on field service, on A.Fs. W 3010 and W 3012 and the information will be repeated in the Part II Orders (A.F. O 1810A) issued by the 2nd Echelon; *e.g.*:—

Lieutenant J. Brown, A.F. O 1646 signed
and rendered to Command Paymaster.

.....
.....(date)

Under 30 years of age.

Claim for wife and child/children.

Residing (or not residing) with family.

Lieutenant J. Smith, A.F. O 1646 signed
and rendered to Command Paymaster.

.....
.....(date)

Over 30 years of age.

Claim for wife (or family).

Residing (or not residing) with family.

Where practicable A.F. O 1646 will be forwarded with A.F. O 1848 or, in the case of officers who are on field service, with A.Fs. W 3010 and W 3012 for transmission to the paymaster.

4. (a) Subsequent to the rendering of A.F. O 1646, all changes in the situation of the officer and of any member of his family that may affect his entitlement to allowances must be reported immediately by the officer concerned to his C.O. Birth or adoption certificates will be submitted in all cases where an increase in allowances is claimed by an officer under 30 years of age.

(b) A report must similarly be made immediately an officer ceases to make financial provision for the maintenance of his wife and/or any member of his family for whom allowances are in issue: also if any circumstance arises which disqualifies any person from continuing to be regarded as a member of his family. *An officer will be personally responsible for immediately reporting any such circumstance to his C.O. (see also instructions on A.F. O 1646).*

(c) C.Os. will ensure that all such casualties are published, without delay, in A.Fs. O 1848, W 3010 or W 3012. Casualties reported on A.F. W 3010 or W 3012 will be repeated by the 2nd Echelon in A.F. O 1810A.

5. Apart from the notification of changes in the class of accommodation occupied by, or allotted to, officers, which is always necessary, the following are examples, not necessarily exhaustive, of casualties which require immediate publication in A.Fs. O 1848, W 3010 or W 3012:—

All married officers:

Marriage (with claim on A.F. O 1646 and relevant certificates).

Death of wife, or child, and date.

Divorce (including date and nature of decree—*nisi* or absolute—and whether or not the decree awards the officer legal custody of any child).

Daughter ceasing to be dependent on the officer.

Cessation of financial provision for wife and/or any member of the family.

Separation from family and reason, *e.g.*, exigencies of the service (*see* definition in para. 4 of the schedule) or private reasons.

Quarters—allotment or vacation.

Temporary duty—the situation of the officer and of his family as regards accommodation during such duty. (The officer's personal certificate regarding retention or otherwise of his lodgings at his permanent station should be forwarded where applicable).

Change of address of wife or nominee.

Married officers under 30 years of age, in addition to above particulars:

Date of attaining 30 years of age.

Birth of child.

Statutory adoption of child.

6. Lodging, fuel and light allowances can only be issued under the authority of the officer i/c barracks, and a copy of the authority will be forwarded to the command paymaster with the A.F. O 1848 in which the casualty is published.

7. Officers who are widowers or divorced and who are eligible for married allowances under this Army Order must notify the command paymaster on A.F. O 1646 of their nominee (*see* para. 9 of the Schedule to this Army Order). Any subsequent change in nominee will be notified by the officer to his C.O. in writing (and duly witnessed) for publication in A.Fs. O 1848, W 3010 or W 3012, to which the officer's notification will be attached.

8. Application for special consideration, under para. 1 of the Schedule to this Army Order, for allowances in respect of sons, step-sons, or adopted sons over 18 years of age will be submitted, through the usual channels, to the War Office and not to the command paymaster.

9. Paymasters will record on A.F. O 1856, in the space provided, particulars of marriage and dates on which officers attained 30 years of age.

For officers under 30 years of age, the dates on which such officers will attain that age will be inserted in red ink in the space following the particulars of marriage. The entries will be transferred to their proper positions in A.F. O 1856

when the officers have attained 30 years of age and adjustment of allowances has accordingly been effected.

Particulars of any children who, on attaining the age limit for allowances, will necessitate either a reduction or cessation of allowances will be entered in red ink on A.F. O 1856 immediately below the marriage and age particulars thereon, and will indicate the dates such reduction or cessation will take effect.

10. A.F. O 1646 will be retained by the paymaster in the officer's personal file and will accompany A.F. O 1856 when transmitted to another paymaster. It will be amended from the information notified to the paymaster on A.Fs. O 1848 or O 1810A or from any other source, and will be suitably endorsed when verification of particulars has been effected.

11. Payment of supplemented allowances issuable under para. 9 of the Schedule to this Army Order will be made by the command paymaster monthly in advance, the first payment being made as soon as notification of the casualty is received, and to the end of the current month. In a case where an officer is serving overseas and the wife, or nominee, is not residing at the station, authority for payment will be forwarded to the command paymaster, or other paying authority, of the command or country in which the wife or nominee is residing. All payments and method of transmission will be recorded on A.F. O 1856.

12. Where a reduction of allowances is necessary on account of the limitation imposed by paras. 5 (b), 10 (b) and 11 of the Schedule to this Army Order, family lodging allowance will be reduced by the appropriate amount.

APPENDIX

Army Form O 1646

CLAIM FOR ISSUE OF ALLOWANCES AT MARRIED
RATES (OFFICERS ONLY)

(To be completed and forwarded, together with the requisite marriage and birth certificates, to the command paymaster.)

The claimant should carefully read the whole of this form, and should retain a copy.

1. The following is the definition of a married officer for the purpose of this claim:—

An officer will be regarded as a married officer (subject to the over-riding conditions below) only if:—

- (i) he is married and provides financially for the maintenance of his wife; or
- (ii) being a widower or divorced, or a married officer who does not provide financially for the maintenance of his wife, he has a child or children for whose maintenance he provides financially.

The expression “a child or children” shall be held to cover:—

- (a) the officer's unmarried daughters, step-daughters, or daughters adopted under the provisions of the Adoption of Children Act, 1926, the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, or the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Act, 1930, dependent on him and normally residing with him or at school, and
- (b) his sons, step-sons or sons adopted under the provisions of the Acts referred to above, under 18 years of age. (Cases where sons, step-sons or adopted sons, over 18 years of age, suffer from mental or bodily infirmity may be submitted for special consideration).

It will not include:—

- (i) Children adopted, under the provisions of the Acts referred to above or otherwise, by a widower or a divorced officer without other children as defined above;
- (ii) children of a divorced officer, unless the officer has been made their legal custodian, even though he may contribute to their maintenance; and
- (iii) children for whose maintenance the officer does not provide financially.

Reference to an officer's "family" will be held to cover only his wife (if he provides financially for her maintenance) and such children as are recognized by the definition above.

2. *The following particulars are to be inserted in ink by the claimant.*

NOTE A.—Parts (ii) and/or (iii) below need not be completed in the case of a regular officer who was in receipt of allowances at the married rates on 19th August, 1939, and whose wife or whose child or children are financially dependent on him.

(Special attention is drawn to the fact that an officer who is not required to complete Parts (ii) and/or (iii) is responsible for reporting any circumstance which disqualifies him from being regarded as a married officer—see para. 1 and NOTES to para. 3).

(i) *Officer*

Officer's rank and name in full.....
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Regiment or corps

Unit

Age.....

Date of marriage

NOTE B.—Production of the officer's marriage certificate and possibly of his birth certificate will be required in support of a first claim.

(ii) *Wife*

Is your wife living?.....
 If so state her name
 and address in full.....

Do you provide financially
 for her maintenance?.....

Are you divorced from your wife?.....
 (State if decree not yet made
 absolute.)

(iii) *Children*

NOTE C.—The particulars required at (a) and (b) below should be furnished by all married officers under 30 years of age, and by officers who are 30 years of age or over who are widowers or divorced, or who do not provide financially for the maintenance of their wives. The information is not required in respect of married officers of 30 years of age or over who provide financially for the maintenance of their wives.

Particulars of the following children only are to be shown:—

Children by the officer's marriage.

Step-children.

Children adopted under the provision of the Acts referred to in the definition at 1 above.

In the case of a divorced officer, children of whom he has been granted the legal custody (other children must not be shown even though the officer may contribute to their maintenance).

Production of birth certificates (or adoption certificates in the case of statutorily adopted children) is necessary.

(a) Sons under 18 years of age.

(Cases where sons over 18 years of age suffer from mental or bodily infirmity may be submitted for special consideration).

Name	Date of Birth	Do you provide financially for his maintenance? (Separate answer against each name)

(b) Unmarried daughters.

Name	Date of Birth	Is she normally resident with you or at school? (Separate answer against each name)	Is she dependent on you? (Separate answer against each name)	Do you provide financially for her maintenance? (Separate answer against each name)

3. I CERTIFY:—

- *(a) that the above particulars are true in every respect;
- (b) that I have retained a copy of this claim;
- (c) that I have carefully read the above definition of a "married officer" and the "NOTES" below and will immediately report any addition to my "family", as defined therein, and any circumstance which disqualifies any of the above persons or

* In cases where Parts (ii) and/or (iii) are not completed (*see* Note A to para. 2) this line should be deleted.

any reported addition to my family from continuing to be regarded as a member of my family in accordance with the above definition.

(Signature of claimant)

Date.....

Countersignature (to be signed by the claimant's Commanding Officer, except when Parts (ii) and/or (iii) are not completed—see NOTE A to para. 2).

I CERTIFY that I have no reason to believe that the particulars given above are incorrectly stated.

(Signature)

Officer Commanding.

Unit

Regiment or corps

Station

Date.....

NOTES

Instances of circumstances which may affect entitlement to be regarded as a member of an officer's family for the purposes referred to above are:—

Wife

Death of wife (state date when reporting).

Divorce (state date and nature of decree (nisi or absolute) when reporting).

Officer ceasing to provide financially for wife.

Children

Death of child.

Divorce, where the decree does not award the officer the legal custody of a child or children.

Officer ceasing to provide financially for a child or children.

Daughter ceasing to be financially dependent on officer.

Daughter ceasing to be normally residing with officer or at school.

Birth of child.

Statutory adoption of child.

The above list is not necessarily comprehensive. In general, officers are expected to interpret the rules reasonably and conscientiously. If there is doubt as to whether any circumstance needs to be reported, it must be reported. Special attention is drawn to the fact that if an officer does not provide financially for a member or members of his family by reason of that member or those members having independent income or being in or taking up employment (including any form of national service, with the forces or otherwise) it is his duty to disclose the fact and to report any changes in the situation, as they occur.

4. *Allowances payable after death of officer.*

Certain allowances may be admissible for a specified period after the death or assumed death of an officer. Allowances so admissible will be payable to the officer's widow or, where an officer was a widower or divorced or did not provide financially for the maintenance of his wife, to such person or persons as the officer may nominate. An officer who is a widower or divorced or who does not provide financially for the maintenance of his wife should therefore insert below the name and address of his nominee.

Name of nominee (BLOCK LETTERS).....
(State whether Mr., MRS. or Miss)

Full Postal Address

.....

.....

Signature of Officer

Signature of Witness

Address

.....

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etc.—1. During the war, the limits within which the Commander-in-Chief in the Field may authorise the writing-off of losses, etc. will, provisionally be as indicated in para. 5 below.

2. The powers of the Commander-in-Chief will normally be exercised on his behalf by the Deputy Adjutant-General, the Deputy Quartermaster-General or the Deputy Master-General of the Ordnance in the Field.

3. Exercise of the powers is, under the provisions of King's Regulations 1935, para. 136 (a), subject to the concurrence of the Financial Adviser.

4. Except as herein indicated the provisions of King's Regulations, 1935, will continue to apply.

5. The powers will be determined by the limits detailed in Col. 2 of the several sections of Table B, Appendix IV, King's Regulations, 1935 (pages 523, etc.) except that higher limits will apply as stated below:—

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A.O. 173	National Registration. — 1. The National	27
1939	Registration in Great Britain and the Isle of Man	General
	will be taken on 29th September, 1939.	2305

The procedure by the military authorities at home on and after National Registration day will be as follows:—

Procedure on National Registration Day

2. National Registration Schedules will be required for all female personnel and civilians, *e.g.*, nurses, V.A.Ds., schoolmistresses, Auxiliary Territorial Service personnel, civilian employees, wives and children of officers and soldiers, relations, visitors, servants, and any other civilians who spend the night of National Registration day at depots, barracks or any other premises under military control in Great Britain and the Isle of Man, or who may arrive at such barracks or premises the next morning without having been enumerated elsewhere.

Schedules will not be required in respect of serving officers or men.

3. The local national registration enumerators will, under the direction of the Registrar-General, deliver to, and collect from, the local military authorities the National Registration Schedules referred to in paragraph 2 above.

Officers commanding will arrange for the work of compiling the National Registration Schedules to be carried out, and will take steps to spread the labour as far as possible. As far as practicable, the entries will be made by, or in the presence of, an officer.

When collecting the schedules, the local national registration enumerator will prepare and hand to the officer commanding civil identity cards for every individual included in the National Registration

A.O. 173 Schedules. Officers commanding will then issue
1939 these civil identity cards to the individuals concerned
continued for their retention.

Procedure after National Registration Day

4. The following action will be taken in connection with civil identity cards :—

- (a) Recruiting officers will recover from recruits *who are finally approved* the civil identity cards previously issued to them and forward the cards together with the recruit's documents to the officer i/c records concerned, who will endorse upon each civil identity card the man's army number and the regiment or corps to which he is posted.
- (b) In the case of members of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers, Regular Army Reserve, Supplementary Reserve, Militia, Territorial Army, Territorial Army Reserve, National Defence Companies, Officer Cadet Reserve, Officers' Emergency Reserve and any other auxiliary force, who are called up for service after National Registration Day, the officers commanding units or formations to which they belong or join will recover the civil identity card from each member and will endorse thereon the personal or army number, rank and regiment or corps in which each member is serving, or to which he has been posted.

The civil identity cards will then be forwarded :—

For officers.—To personnel branches at the War Office.

For other ranks.—To officers i/c records concerned.

- (c) In the case of serving officers and men who were on leave or living out of barracks on National Registration Day, and who may have been enumerated by the civil authorities and issued with a civil identity card, the civil identity card so issued will be recovered by the officer commanding the unit or formation, who will endorse upon

each card the personal or army number, **A.O. 173** rank and regiment or corps to which each officer or man belongs. The civil identity cards will then be forwarded, in the case of officers, to personnel branches at the War Office, and for other ranks to the officer i/c records concerned. **1939**
continued

- (d) On receipt of the civil identity cards under sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above, personnel branches at the War Office and officers i/c records will insert the National Register Identification Number (as borne on the civil identity card) on the top of the original A.F. B 199a (Officer's Record of Service) in the case of officers, and on the top of the original attestation or enrolment form in the case of other ranks. The civil identity cards will then be forwarded to the Central National Registration Officer, Terra Nova School, Birkdale, Southport.
- (e) Upon the discharge of any of the personnel referred to in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) above, i.e., those whose original A.F. B199a (Officer's Record of Service), attestation or enrolment form bears a National Register identification number, War Office personnel branches and officers i/c records will notify the fact to the Central National Registration Officer, Terra Nova School, Birkdale, Southport.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
23rd September, 1939

Family Allowance

⁴⁶
General
800

It has been decided, as a temporary measure, **A.O. 174**
with effect from 3rd September, 1939, and until **1939**
further instructions are issued, that :—

- (1) family allowance, at the rates and under the conditions prescribed for soldiers of the Regular Army on the married establishment shall be issuable, without restriction as to the age of the soldier concerned, to :—
 - (a) all Army reservists (including Supplementary Reservists) called out on permanent service ;
 - (b) men of the Territorial Army who have been embodied;
 - (c) men enlisting into the Territorial Army or the Supplementary Reserve after the above date.
- (2) So long as the above provision remains in operation, the age limit normally prescribed to render soldiers of the Regular Army (and men of the Territorial Army and Supplementary Reservists under training) eligible for the grant of family allowance will be suspended.

OCT 26 1939

A.O. 174 Normal age limits will be reverted to when the
1939 temporary measure now introduced is cancelled.
continued The remaining conditions relating to this allowance
 are not affected by the above temporary change in
 regard to age limit.

By Command of the Army Council,

H. J. Creed

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
25th September, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Issue of Increments of Pay and Proficiency Pay to Soldiers in Time of War.

GEORGE R.I.

30
General
9192

A.O. 175
1939

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to make provision for the award of proficiency pay, and the modification of the conditions governing the issue of increments of pay and special proficiency pay during the period of the present hostilities;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that, with effect from 3rd September, 1939, the grant and continued issue of the foregoing emoluments shall, for the period in question, be made in accordance with the terms of the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant in lieu of the conditions laid down in the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated 12th February, 1931.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
20th day of September, 1939, in the
third year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

SCHEDULE

A.O. 175 The following modifications of the existing
1939 regulations governing the grant of increments of
continued pay and proficiency pay will become operative for the period of the present hostilities.

1. *Increments of Pay.*—In the case of soldiers enlisted on or after 26th October, 1925, the increment admissible after three years' service will, as in the case of the increments admissible after one and two years' service, be made automatically on the basis of qualifying service, unless the commanding officer has previously vetoed the grant by a notification in Part II Orders.

2. *Proficiency Pay for soldiers enlisted or re-enlisted on or after 26th October, 1925, or who are in receipt of the normal rates of pay as laid down in the Pay Warrant, 1931, Articles 822 (2) and 826 (2):—*

- (a) *Educational Proficiency Pay* will continue to be issuable to personnel already in receipt of this emolument and to mobilized reservists, or re-enlisted personnel, if already qualified. No further grants will be made, pending further instructions, except to soldiers who are awarded the necessary certificate as a result of an examination held before 3rd September, 1939, and to boys (other than of tradesmen categories) who on attaining the age of 17½ years hold the requisite certificate.
- (b) *Military Proficiency Pay* will be retained by those already in receipt of the emolument and will be resumed by mobilized reservists who were in receipt of the award on leaving the colours. No further grants will, however, be made, except to soldiers already serving with the colours on 2nd September, 1939, who complete 12 months' service before they complete six months' service after 3rd September, 1939.
- (c) *War time Proficiency Pay* will be granted, in replacement of any awards of educational or military proficiency pay then in issue, to soldiers serving on normal army engagements, to mobilized reservists and

supplementary reservists, to embodied personnel of the Territorial Army, to men enlisted or deemed to be enlisted on or after 3rd September, 1939, and to militiamen called out on permanent service. **A.O. 175**
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The rate will be 6*d.* a day for soldiers drawing pay under Pay Warrant, 1931, Article 822 (2), and 4*d.* a day for soldiers drawing pay under Pay Warrant, 1931, Article 826 (2).

The award will be granted on the completion of six months' service rendered after 3rd September, 1939.

- (d) *Special Proficiency Pay* will continue to be issued, on completion of the required periods of service, and subject to the existing provisions, except that no limitation will be made regarding the number of privates and corresponding ranks to be granted the emolument. The initial grant of the emolument will be subject to the award of military proficiency pay, or to the award of war time proficiency pay being in issue.

3. All awards of proficiency pay under paragraph 2 above will continue to be subject to the discretion of commanding officers, having regard to the general provision of King's Regulations, 1935, paragraph 764 (d) (ii).

4. The necessary amendments to the Pay Warrant will be promulgated in due course.

By Command of the Army Council,

H. J. Creedy

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
28th September, 1939

Mustering and Pay of Army Tradesmen in War

30
General
9447

1. The following instructions regarding the **A.O. 176**
mustering of army tradesmen and their eligibility **1939**
for tradesmen's rates of pay in war will apply
during the period of the present war, and will be
regarded as coming into effect from the date of
mobilization. The provisions of Regulations
governing the Issue of Tradesmen's Rates of Pay,
1932, Section I, will be regarded as modified
accordingly for the period of hostilities.

2. Tradesmen will be mustered on a unit basis
and vacancies in war establishments will be filled
by appointments from within units of qualified men
who are awaiting mustering. If no qualified
personnel in a unit is available for mustering,
vacancies will be filled from qualified re-inforce-
ment personnel as and when received.

3. Soldiers who were already mustered as trades-
men on the date of mobilization and those who are
mustered as such during the period of hostilities
will remain, under the provisions of this Army
Order, eligible for tradesmen's rate of pay, whether
or not they are actually filling vacancies in the
establishments of units, subject to the normal
restriction governing cessation of tradesmen's
gradings on promotion, or on account of in-
efficiency, etc., as laid down in the Pay Warrant,
1931, and Regulations Governing the Issue of
Tradesmen's Rates of Pay, 1932.

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4. Personnel mustered as tradesmen on, or subsequent to, the date of mobilization will also continue to be eligible for tradesmen's rates of pay if evacuated from and struck off the strength of their unit on account of sickness or injury, notwithstanding the fact that the vacancies so caused on the unit's establishment of tradesmen may be filled up by the C.O. if qualified men are, or become, available in the unit for mustering therein.

5. If, after becoming fit, a tradesman is posted or re-posted to a unit in which the trade establishment is full, he will remain eligible for tradesmen's rates of pay although supernumerary to that establishment, but steps will be taken to ensure his absorption at the earliest opportunity.

6. (a) Recruits who are enlisted for service as tradesmen will, with effect from the date of enlistment, be mustered in Class III of their army trade by the O.C. the training or other unit to which the recruit is first posted on enlistment, provided that the O.C. can satisfy himself that the individual has attained the prescribed standard.

Similarly, men deemed to be enlisted under the provisions of the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, who are certified by the Ministry of Labour to be tradesmen will be mustered as Class III tradesmen in the relevant army trade with effect from the date on which they are deemed to have been enlisted under the Act.

(b) Re-classification of such tradesmen, if qualified, to a higher class, will be permitted after completion of recruit training, under the provisions of the Pay Warrant, 1931, Article 833.

7. In the case of trade tests for which a 2nd Class Certificate of Education is required as part of the requisite qualification, the following may, as a war measure, be accepted in lieu, where a candidate is not in possession of the army certificate normally accepted as equivalent:—

Ability to pass in dictation, spelling, composition of a business letter, together with a standard of 50 per cent. in a test on simple proportion, simple interest, practice, simple accounts, fractions and the metric system.

The C.O. will satisfy himself regarding the candidate's qualifications by oral questioning and so far as he considers necessary by an actual test.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
28th September, 1939

Outfit Allowance

48 General 7239	It is notified that the provisions of Army Order 85 of 1939 are extended to cover the cases of all officers commissioned or re-employed with effect from 1st May, 1939.	A.O. 177 1939
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The question of making the provisions of this Army Order retrospective to cover officers commissioned or re-employed before 1st May, 1939, has been fully considered, but the Army Council find themselves unable to sanction any such further retrospection.

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
30th September, 1939

Clothing and Necessaries—Maintenance after mobilization

54
General
8605

1. It has been decided, in so far as clothing and kit is concerned, that the following special arrangements will apply on mobilization in the "Special Areas" defined in para. 2. **A.O. 179
1939**

2. The Special Areas will comprise Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, France, as from 2nd September, 1939, and any other area which may be so designated in the future.

3. In the "Special Areas", the instructions regarding maintenance of clothing and necessaries after mobilization by replacement from clothing allowance as laid down in Clothing Regulations, 1936, Appendix 15, paras. 7, 14 and 15, will be replaced with effect from 2nd September, 1939, by the instructions detailed below.

4. These instructions will apply to all other ranks of the Army in the "Special Areas" (including National Defence Companies but excluding the Auxiliary Territorial Service).

5. Clothing and necessaries, other than articles mentioned in para. 7 (c) below, will be replaced free when necessary within the authorized scales, except as otherwise provided in para. 10.

A.O. 179 6. Repairs to clothing and boots which are
1939 occasioned by fair wear and tear will be carried
continued out at the public expense. The cost of washing
 underclothing, etc., will also be borne by the
 public.

7. Clothing and kit allowances will cease on
 1st September, 1939, inclusive, and a special
 allowance at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}d.$ a week will be
 issued with effect from 2nd September to cover
 the cost of the following services:—

- (a) Haircutting.
- (b) Purchase of toilet articles and cleaning
 materials.
- (c) The maintenance of the cleaning and toilet
 brushes (including cleaning brass and hair
 comb) included in the kit of necessities.

This allowance will be credited to the soldier's
 account at the beginning of each account period,
 the full weekly rate being credited for each week,
 or part of a week of service.

8. Articles of clothing and necessities replaced
 will be taken on ledger charge by certificate receipt
 voucher and will be brought before a board of
 survey periodically. In exceptional circumstances,
 where the assembly of a board of survey is
 impracticable, Clothing Regulations, 1936, para.
 103, will be observed.

9. Replacement issues will be struck off charge
 on A.F. H 1179A which should bear a reference to
 the certificate receipt voucher taking on charge
 the replaced articles.

10. The value of clothing and necessities lost,
 made away with, or rendered unserviceable through
 neglect or carelessness will be assessed regimen-
 tally on the lines of Clothing Regulations, 1936,
 para. 341, and charged against the soldier on
 A.F. P 1954.

11. The above arrangements were notified in
 War Office letter 54/Gen./8605 (M.G.O.F. (b)),
 dated 4th September, 1939.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
13th October, 1939

48
General
7411

Outfit Allowance—National Defence Com- A.O. 198
panies.—1. Officers of National Defence companies **1939**
commissioned before the date of this Army Order

are eligible for outfit allowance at the rates and under the conditions set out in Territorial Army Regulations, 1936, Appendix XXVI, Part III, (as promulgated by Amendments No. 37 notified in Army Order 65 of 1939). Such officers will be required to provide themselves with one suit of battle dress as soon as such is available for issue to them from ordnance stocks on repayment.

2. Officers of National Defence companies commissioned on or after the date of this Army Order will be eligible for outfit allowance under Army Order 160 of 1939 as amended from time to time.

3. All officers of National Defence companies will be eligible for a free issue of web equipment as follows:—

- 3 Braces, w/o buckle.
- 1 Carrier water bottle.
- 1 Haversack.

Officers who have already purchased any of these articles of web equipment may submit a claim for a refund of the current vocabulary value of such articles.

By Command of the Army Council,

H. J. Greedy

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,

17th October, 1939

Employment of Women Medical Practitioners with the Army Medical Services in War

100
Medical
1389

1. Women Medical practitioners will be employed **A.O. 199**
in one of the following categories :— **1939**

A—As civilian medical practitioners for service
at home

or

B—When it is considered necessary that
women medical practitioners should, from
the nature of their duties, be in uniform, they
will be appointed by the War Office for
attachment—not commissioned—to the
Royal Army Medical Corps, with a military
status, for general service, *i.e.*, at home or
overseas.

2. The conditions of employment are :—

Age—

Category A : Up to 50 years of age.

Category B : Up to 40 years of age.

Terms of Employment, Rates of Pay.

Category A. As for male civilian medical
practitioners (*see* Pay Warrant, 1931, Articles 310
and 312) and War Office letter 24/General/62
(F.2.d.) dated 5th September, 1939.

Category B.

- (i) Will be granted " Emergency " appointments
for the duration of the war, subject to
termination if their services or conduct are
reported to be unsatisfactory, or for any
other reason their services are no longer
required.

A.O. 199
1939
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- (ii) Will be appointed on first appointment as medical officer with the relative rank of lieutenant, Royal Army Medical Corps, and be granted further advancement in relative rank as for officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps in war. The appointments will be notified in the London Gazette.
- (iii) Will receive the pay of an officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps (*see* Pay Warrant, 1931, Article 293), and, in so far as provision is not made in kind, will receive allowances at the rates and subject to the conditions applicable to unmarried officers of relative rank, except that :—
 - (a) Where provision of rations in kind is not practicable, ration allowance will be the same as for other female personnel employed with the Army, *i.e.*, at a rate equivalent to $\frac{4}{5}$ ths of the current higher rate of ration allowance (with meal service element) issuable to serving officers.
 - (b) Uniform allowance will be at a modified rate, to be notified later.

A further announcement will be made regarding disability awards.

- (iv) Will wear a uniform—the pattern of which is now under consideration—with small normal badges of rank as for an officer and a badge of the Royal Army Medical Corps.
- (v) Pay will be issued by the army agents (Messrs. Glyn Mills and Company, Kirkland House, Whitehall, S.W.1) and allowances by the command paymaster of the command in which the woman medical practitioner is serving.

3. The Central Emergency Committee of the British Medical Association will be the sole source of supply to the War Office for the categories of women medical practitioners enumerated above and consequently commands are not permitted to engage such locally.

By Command of the Army Council,

H. Greedy

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,

17th October, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

S.R.O. 1460 **Formation of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps**
1939

GEORGE R.I.

20
Miscellaneous
1480

WHEREAS We deem it expedient to authorize the A.O. 200
formation of a corps to be entitled the Auxiliary 1939
Military Pioneer Corps ;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps shall be deemed to be a corps for the purposes of the Army Act, the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, and the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907 ;

OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the schedule to the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V dated 27th February, 1926,* shall be amended as shown in Part I of the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant ;

LASTLY OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the rates of pay of personnel of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps shall be as stated in Part II of the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
17th day of October, 1939, in the
3rd year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

* Army Order 40 of 1926.

SCHEDULE

PART I

A.O. 200 *Below "Royal Malta Artillery" and above "Non-Combatant Labour Corps"—*
1939

Column 1. *Insert "Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps".*

Column 2. *Insert "All units and personnel of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps".*

PART II

The rates of regimental pay of officers shall be those prescribed for the Infantry of the Line in the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V, for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army dated 12th February, 1931.

The rates of command pay and additional pay for adjutants shall be such as Our Army Council may determine.

The rates of pay for warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men shall be the normal rates of pay, increments and proficiency pay prescribed for non-tradesmen in the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V, for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army dated 12th February, 1931, or in Our Warrant dated 20th September, 1939.

Personnel of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps shall be eligible for tradesmen's rates of pay where applicable in authorized establishments.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,

24th October, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Promotions and Appointments of Officers in War

GEORGE R.I.

100
General
9053

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to make provision for securing that, in time of war, the making and notification of such promotions and appointments in Our Military Forces as the exigencies of the occasion may require shall be effected promptly and without any unnecessary formalities:

A.O. 201
1939

NOW THEREFORE OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the following regulations with respect to the promotion and appointment of officers to exercise command in Our said forces shall, until We otherwise determine, have effect and be observed by all concerned:—

- (i) Our Army Council may, by Our authority and without previous reference to Us, grant to officers in Our Military Forces acting rank, temporary rank and war substantive rank in accordance with the regulations made under Our Warrant dated 31st August, 1939,* and may appoint any officer to hold any staff appointment not being an appointment normally held by an officer of higher rank than a brigadier.

* Army Order 138 of 1939.

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- (ii) Our Army Council shall cause any exercise by it of any of the powers conferred upon it by these regulations to be notified forthwith in War Office Orders.
- (iii) A general officer commanding a division or higher formation may exercise the like powers as are conferred upon Our Army Council, except that he shall not be empowered to grant temporary rank and war substantive rank.
- (iv) A general officer commanding shall, in exercising any of the powers conferred upon him by these regulations, be guided by such general instructions as may from time to time be given by Our Army Council or, in relation to officers of Our Indian Army, by the Governor-General of India in Council or, in relation to officers of Our Royal Marines, by Our Board of Admiralty, and shall cause any exercise by him of any such powers to be notified forthwith in his General Orders to the forces under his command.
- (v) Every such grant or appointment authorized by these regulations shall, unless and until We see fit to signify Our disapproval thereof, be of the like effect and the officer concerned shall be entitled to enjoy and exercise the like precedence and powers of command as if Our approval had been previously signified and had been notified in the London Gazette.
- (vi) The provisions of the Royal Warrant for the Pay of the Army or, as the case may be, the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions or the Regulations for the Army in India shall apply in relation to grants of rank made under these regulations as they apply in relation to such grants by Us.
- (vii) Any reference in the said Warrant or in the said Regulations or in any other document to the date specified in the London Gazette as the date on which any grant or appointment is to take effect or is to cease to have effect shall, in relation to

any such grant or appointment as is A.O. 201
 authorized by these regulations, be con- 1939
 strued as a reference to the date so specified *continued*
 in War Office Orders or in General Orders
 as the case may be.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
 14th day of October, 1939, in the 3rd
 year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
28th October, 1939

ORDER BY HIS MAJESTY, DATED 23RD OCTOBER, 1939

S.R.O. 1515 Introduction of Warrant Officers, Class III,
1939 into the Territorial Army

18
General
3515

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 7 of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as modified by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921, that, subject to the provisions of Part II of the former Act, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by Order signified under the hand of a Secretary of State, to make orders with respect to the government, discipline and pay and allowances of the Territorial Army, and with respect to all other matters and things relating to the Territorial Army, and that subject to the provisions of any such Order the Army Council may make general or special regulations with respect to any matter with respect to which His Majesty may make orders under that Section:

A.O. 202
1939

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to introduce with effect from 1st November, 1939, into our Territorial Army a new class of Warrant Officer immediately below those classes now existing:

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A.O. 202 Now THEREFORE His Majesty in exercise of the
1939 powers conferred upon him by the said Act of 1907
continued and of all other powers him thereunto enabling is
 pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that a
 new class shall be created to be designated Warrant
 Officers, Class III, and that it shall consist of the
 following new appointments :—

Troop serjeant-major.
 Section serjeant-major.
 Platoon serjeant-major.
 Provost serjeant-major.

By His Majesty's Command,
LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
8th November, 1939

Outfit Allowance

48
General 1. The following amendments will be made to A.O. 220
7329 Army Order 160 of 1939:— 1939

Para. 2.

Lines 3 and 4. *Delete* "and kilted regiments."

Lines 9 and 10. *Delete* "and kilted regiments."

These amendments apply to all officers of kilted regiments commissioned, called out for service or re-employed after 30th October, 1939, and to any other officers of those regiments who had not ordered two sets of service dress on or before that date. Officers commissioned, called out for service or re-employed on or before 30th October, 1939, who have not already claimed outfit allowance, will be paid on the basis of a normal grant of £30 only, unless their claims are supported by certificates in the following form:—

"I certify that two suits of service dress were ordered by me on "

Para. 2. Page 2.

Line 1. *After* "formation," *insert* "he should provide himself with a second suit of service dress, and "

Line 4. *After* "£10." *insert* "Claims in respect of this additional grant will be made on A.F. O 1608 supported by A.F. O 1608A."

Para. 14. Line 2. *After* "A.F. O 1608" *insert* ", supported where necessary by A.F. O 1608A,".

A.O. 220 2. Outfit allowances issued under Army Orders 85,
1939 160, and 178 of 1939, as amended from time to
continued time, will be subject to the conditions set out in
 Allowance Regulations, 1938, para. 12, which reads
 as follows:—

“Except in such exceptional circumstances as may be approved by the Army Council, or by an officer duly authorized by them, no claim will be admitted for any allowances relating to any period more than 12 months antecedent to the date of the claim.”

It is notified that, for the purposes of this paragraph, outfit allowances “relate” to the date the officer first joins for duty on being commissioned, called out for service or re-employed.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,

10th November, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Outfit Allowance for Officers Granted Permanent Regular Commissions on or after 2nd September, 1939

GEORGE R.I.

<u>48</u> General 7476	WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to modify the regulations governing the grant of outfit allowance to officers granted permanent commissions in Our Regular Army during the present emergency ;	<u>A.O. 221</u> <u>1939</u>
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OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that all officers granted permanent commissions in Our Regular Army on or after 2nd September, 1939, shall be eligible for outfit allowance at such rates and under such conditions as may be laid down by Our Army Council for officers granted emergency commissions during the present emergency : and the relevant provisions of the Regulations for the Allowances of the Army appended to Our Warrant of 9th December, 1938, regarding the grant of outfit allowance to officers granted permanent commissions in Our Regular Army shall cease to have effect until Our further Will and Pleasure be made known.

PROVIDED that, where an officer granted a permanent commission in Our Regular Army on or after 2nd September, 1939, has already received an outfit allowance under the provisions of

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A.O. 221 the Regulations for the Allowances of the Army
1939 aforesaid, Our Will and Pleasure is that he shall be
continued allowed to retain such allowance, but in that case
 he will not be eligible for any additional allowance
 which may be sanctioned by Us after the termina-
 tion of the present emergency for officers who
 have received outfit allowance in accordance with
 the provisions of this Our Warrant.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
 4th day of November, 1939, in the
 3rd year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

Army Council's instruction to above Order

The rates and conditions referred to in the above Order are laid
 down in Army Orders 160 and 178 of 1939 as amended from time to
 time.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
10th November, 1939

ORDER BY HIS MAJESTY, DATED 4TH NOVEMBER, 1939

S.R.O. 1582
1939

Outfit Allowance for Officers Granted Territorial Army Commissions During the Present Emergency

48
General
7476

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 7 of the **A.O. 222**
Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as **1939**
modified by the Territorial Army and Militia Act,
1921, that, subject to the provisions of Part II of
the former Act, it shall be lawful for His Majesty,
by Order signified under the hand of a Secretary of
State, to make orders with respect to the govern-
ment, discipline, and pay and allowances of the
Territorial Army, and with respect to all other
matters and things relating to the Territorial
Army;

AND WHEREAS under the said section of the said
Act of 1907 His former Majesty King Edward VIII
on 10th November, 1936, made an Order prescribing
regulations for the Territorial Army;

AND WHEREAS His Majesty is pleased to vary
the said Order of 10th November, 1936.

NOW, THEREFORE, His Majesty, in exercise of the
powers conferred upon Him by the said Act of 1907
and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, is
pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered that all
officers granted commissions in the Territorial Army
on or after 2nd September, 1939, will be granted

A.O. 222 outfit allowance at such rates and under such conditions as may be laid down by Our Army Council for officers granted emergency commissions during the present emergency, and the relevant provisions of the Regulations for the Territorial Army appended to His Majesty's Order of 10th November, 1936, shall cease to have effect until His Majesty is pleased to make a further order in the matter.

1939
continued

PROVIDED that, where an officer granted a commission in the Territorial Army on or after 2nd September, 1939, has already received an outfit allowance under the rules laid down in the Regulations for the Territorial Army appended to the Order by His Majesty dated 10th November, 1936, he shall be allowed to retain such allowance, but in that case he will not be eligible for any additional allowance which may be sanctioned by Us, after the termination of the present emergency for officers who have received outfit allowance in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

Army Council's instruction to above Order

The rates and conditions referred to in the above Order are laid down in Army Orders 160 and 178 of 1939 as amended from time to time.

By Command of the Army Council,

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
10th November, 1939

ORDER BY HIS MAJESTY DATED 4TH NOVEMBER, 1939

S.R.O. 1583
1939

Outfit Allowance for Officers Granted Supplementary Reserve Commissions During the Present Emergency

48
General
7476

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 20 of A.O. 223
the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, that, subject to 1939
the provisions of that Act, it shall be lawful for
His Majesty, by Order signified under the hand of
a Secretary of State, to make, revoke and vary
orders with respect to the government, discipline
and pay of the Army Reserve, and with respect to
other matters and things relating to the Army
Reserve;

AND WHEREAS by Royal Warrant of 8th August,
1924, His late Majesty King George V was
pleased to establish a branch of the Regular
Army Reserve of Officers called the Supplementary
Reserve of Officers, to be governed by the provisions
of that Warrant and by such Regulations as His
Majesty might from time to time be pleased to
make;

AND WHEREAS by Order of 30th September,
1924, His late Majesty King George V was pleased
to establish a branch of the Army Reserve as
a Supplementary Reserve for the Regular Army;

A.O. 223 AND WHEREAS on 9th March, 1933, His late
 1939 Majesty King George V, in exercise of the
continued powers conferred upon him by Section 20 of the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, was pleased to make an Order prescribing Regulations for Officers of the Supplementary Reserve of Officers and for the Supplementary Reserve;

AND WHEREAS His Majesty is pleased to vary the said Order of 9th March, 1933 ;

NOW, THEREFORE, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Him by Section 20 of the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that all officers granted commissions in the Supplementary Reserve on or after 2nd September, 1939, will be granted outfit allowance at such rates and under such conditions as may be laid down by Our Army Council for officers granted emergency commissions during the present emergency ; and the relevant provisions of the Regulations for the Supplementary Reserve appended to His Majesty's Order of 9th March, 1933, shall cease to have effect until His Majesty is pleased to make a further Order in the matter.

PROVIDED that, where an officer granted a commission in the Supplementary Reserve on or after 2nd September, 1939, has already received an outfit allowance under the rules laid down in the Regulations for the Supplementary Reserve appended to the Order by His Majesty dated 9th March, 1933, he shall be allowed to retain such allowance, but in that case he will not be eligible for any additional allowance which may be sanctioned after the termination of the present emergency for officers who have received outfit allowance in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

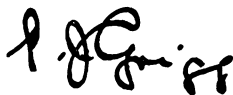
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LESLIE HORE-BELISHA

Army Council's instruction to above Order

The rates and conditions referred to in the above Order are laid down in Army Orders 160 and 178 of 1939, as amended from time to time.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
14th November, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Field Allowance and Colonial Allowance

GEORGE R.I.

48
General
7370

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to provide for the issue of Field Allowance and Colonial Allowance in War to officers and warrant officers of Our Army and to members of Our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and personnel of certain nursing services who may be employed therewith. **A.O. 224**
1939

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that the instructions contained in the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant shall become operative with effect from 3rd September, 1939, and until We see fit to provide otherwise.

OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE is that, where the instructions contained in the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant are at variance with those of the Allowance Regulations, 1938, the Territorial Army Regulations, 1936, or the Supplementary Reserve Regulations, 1933, or any other regulations, the instructions contained in the Schedule to this Our Warrant shall override the provisions of the said regulations.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
9th day of November, 1939, in the 3rd
year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

SCHEDULE

A.O. 224 1. The general principle governing the grant of
1939 field allowance in war will be that which governs its grant in peace, viz.:—that the allowance should be issuable only to individuals who are accommodated under certain conditions. In a theatre of war, however, the allowance will be issuable subject to special conditions, stated in paragraphs 3 to 12 below, in certain prescribed areas where most of the personnel serving therein are so accommodated that the allowance would ordinarily be admissible and conditions are such as to render it impracticable to regulate the entitlement of individuals according to the normal conditions of issue.

2. These areas will be known as "field allowance areas" and will be defined or re-determined by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief concerned, subject, in every instance, to the Army Council's prior approval of his proposals. The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief may specify that personnel serving with certain formations, accommodated under conditions which, in his opinion, do not justify issue of field allowance, will not be regarded, for the purposes of these instructions, as serving in a "field allowance area", even though they may be stationed within the bounds of such an area.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief will formulate his proposals in consultation with the Air Officer Commanding, if such officer is under his command or is in independent command in the theatre of operations.

Where the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief is under the supreme command of an Air Officer Commanding, he will obtain the agreement of the Air Officer Commanding before submitting his proposals to the Army Council.

3. Field allowance will be issued, at the rates and subject to the conditions and exceptions stated below, to:—

- (i) Officers,
- (ii) Warrant Officers, and
- (iii) Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and such other personnel as may be employed on terms which entitle them to receive the pay and allowances of that service,

while they are serving in an area specially defined as a "field allowance area" for this purpose. **A.O. 224**
1939

4. The daily rates of field allowance (within or outside a "field allowance area") will be the normal rates, viz.:—

Classes 1 to 7	...	...	...	3s. 6d.
Class 8	...	...	...	3s. od.
Class 9	...	...	...	2s. od.
Class 10	...	...	...	1s. od.
Warrant Officers, Class II	...	...	...	6d.
Warrant Officers, Class III	...	...	...	3d.

Classification for field allowance will be determined by the rank (substantive, acting, temporary or war substantive, as the case may be) for which the recipient receives pay. The allowance will not be issued according to acting rank unless and until the pay of the rank becomes issuable, when it will be adjusted retrospectively, according to the acting rank, with effect from the date from which the pay of the rank is admissible.

5. Service within a "field allowance area" will not set up an entitlement to field allowance, unless and until an individual has been serving therein for a continuous period exceeding 7 days (including the day of arrival), but when this condition is fulfilled field allowance will become admissible with effect from the date of commencement of service in the area and adjustment made accordingly together with any consequential adjustment of Colonial Allowance (see paragraph 11). During service not exceeding 7 consecutive days in a "field allowance area", field allowance will be issuable only if it was in issue when the individual entered the area.

6. The issue will continue during absence from duty on ordinary leave or on account of sickness (whether the recipient proceeds on sick leave or is admitted to hospital), so long as the recipient is within the "field allowance area", subject to the exceptions stated in paragraph 9.

7. Issue of field allowance to an individual who has been serving in a "field allowance area" for a continuous period exceeding 7 days will continue, subject to paragraph 9, for a period

A.O. 224 of 7 days (inclusive of the day of leaving the
1939 area) after the recipient ceases to be serving in a
 " field allowance area " on account of:—

- (i) being ordered from the area on duty; or
- (ii) ordinary leave; or
- (iii) sickness or sick leave not due to causes within his or her own control (*see* paragraph 9).

8. It will cease to be admissible after expiry of the 7 days referred to in paragraph 7 unless it is admissible under the conditions of issue applicable to personnel not serving in areas defined as " field allowance areas " (*see* paragraph 13).

9. The allowance will not be admissible:—

- (i) during absence from duty on account of sickness due to causes within the control of the individual concerned;
- (ii) during absence without leave;
- (iii) for any day for which pay is not admissible; or
- (iv) concurrently with a nightly rate of travelling allowance or with lodging allowance (excepting any lodging allowance issuable in respect of the individual's separated family or in respect of accommodation retained elsewhere than at the individual's station),

whether or not the individual concerned remains in a " field allowance area ".

10. Where an individual ceases to serve in a " field allowance area " for a period exceeding 7 days (inclusive of the day of leaving), entitlement to field allowance on each occasion on which he may subsequently serve in a " field allowance area " will again be subject to the conditions of paragraph 5, no account being taken of previous service in a " field allowance area ".

11. In the case of personnel serving in " field allowance areas ", colonial allowance will be issuable, if otherwise admissible, in full, so long as

field allowance is not in issue, but will be reduced where field allowance is in issue as follows:— A.O. 224
1939

- (a) for single* officers and warrant officers, and nurses, colonial allowance will remain in issue but will be reduced by half or by the amount of field allowance, whichever reduction is the less;
- (b) for married† officers and warrant officers, so long as their families, even when necessarily separated by the exigencies of the service, are permanently resident in the Command, the same (reduced) rate of colonial allowance as for a single officer or warrant officer will be issued plus the difference between married and single rates of colonial allowance.

The reduced rates will continue in issue for the period during which field allowance is retained under paragraph 7.

Ranks below warrant officer will continue to draw the normal rates of colonial allowance as laid down in the Allowance Regulations.

The conditions of classification laid down in paragraph 4 will apply.

12. Field allowance and colonial allowance due to personnel serving in "field allowance areas" will be paid or credited without claims being rendered, as follows:—

Officers and Nurses.

To be paid monthly in arrear by the base command paymaster, the daily rates and amounts paid being recorded on A.F. O 1856.

Other Ranks.

To be credited, in arrear, to the pay accounts by the fixed centre paymasters concerned.

Information regarding all movements of personnel, normally entitled to field allowance, into or out of "field allowance areas", or other casualties which may affect the beginning,

* *i.e.*, personnel who would otherwise be entitled to receive the single rate of colonial allowance.

† *i.e.*, personnel who would otherwise be entitled to receive the married rate of colonial allowance.

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cessation, etc., of their field and colonial allowances, will be reported by Os.C. units on A.Fs. W 3010, W 3011 or W 3012 as the case may be, and will be repeated in the Part II orders issued by the 2nd Echelon (A.F. O 1810A in the case of officers and manuscript forms for warrant officers). The Part II orders issued by the 2nd Echelon will thus provide the information from which paymasters will determine admissibility of the allowances. The 2nd Echelon will ensure that reports of casualties affecting the entitlement to field and colonial allowance of nurses (as well as casualties affecting the entitlement of officers and warrant officers) are incorporated in A.F. O 1810A.

13. The conditions of issue of field allowance and colonial allowance to personnel not serving in areas defined as " field allowance areas " will continue to be subject in all respects to existing provisions as laid down in the Allowance Regulations, except during the 7 days referred to in paragraph 7.

By Command of the Army Council,

I. J. Giff

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
17th November, 1939

ORDER BY HIS MAJESTY, DATED 13TH NOVEMBER, 1939

S.R.O. 1627
1939

Territorial Army Regulations, 1936— Amendments No. 47

30
General
9506

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 7 of the A.O. 225
Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as modified by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921, that, subject to the provisions of Part II of the former Act, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by Order signified under the hand of a Secretary of State, to make orders with respect to the government, discipline, and pay and allowances of the Territorial Army, and with respect to all other matters and things relating to the Territorial Army: 1939

AND WHEREAS under the said section of the said Act of 1907 His former Majesty King Edward VIII on 10th November, 1936, made an order prescribing regulations for the Territorial Army:

AND WHEREAS His Majesty is pleased to make further orders under the said section of the said Act and to alter the said regulations:

NOW THEREFORE His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the said Act of 1907 and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the said regulations made on 10th November, 1936, be altered to the extent and in the manner set forth in the Schedule hereto.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

A.O. 225

1939

continued

SCHEDULE

TERRITORIAL ARMY REGULATIONS, 1936—
AMENDMENTSPara. 822. *Add* new sub-paragraph.

- (d) An officer or man who has received a gratuity under sub-paras. (a) or (c) above, and is released from embodied service under the provisions of Section 4 (4) of the Armed Forces (Conditions of Service) Act, 1939, will not be eligible to receive a second gratuity if he is subsequently recalled for embodied service under that Act.

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General
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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
20th November, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Introduction of Army Trade of Axeman GEORGE R.I.

³⁰
General
9511 WHEREAS We deem it expedient to provide for **A.O. 226**
the pay of soldiers qualified and employed as axe- **1939**
men ;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that soldiers so qualified shall receive pay at the rates laid down for tradesmen classified in Group D of the army trade groups in the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated 12th February, 1931.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
14th day of November, 1939, in the
3rd year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

Army Council's instructions on the foregoing Warrant

The trade qualifications required for soldiers of the trade of axeman shall be as follows :—

Class III.

- (a) Must be able to grind an axe, and also to fit helve correctly.
- (b) Must be able to fell a tree in the right direction, without damage to the tree itself or to surrounding trees, leaving a clean and low stump.
- (c) Must be able to trim out and clean coppice, pitwood or logs, satisfactorily.

Class II.

- (a) Must have qualified in Class III ; and in addition
- (b) Must be able to fell big timber of over 5 feet girth in the right direction, allowing for weight and balance of a spreading crown.
- (c) Must know how to deal with leaning trees and trees on a steep slope.
- (d) Must be able to fell and trim at least 20 cubic feet of hardwood or 35 cubic feet of softwood in one hour, under good local conditions.
- (e) Must be able to set and sharpen a cross-cut saw.

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By Command of the Army Council,

I. J. Giff

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
27th November, 1939

**Pay of Soldiers deemed to have been enlisted
under the National Service (Armed Forces)
Act, 1939**

GEORGE R.I.

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Bills
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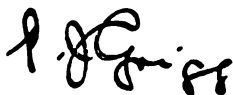
WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to make provision regulating the grant of pay to soldiers deemed to have been enlisted under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939 : A.O. 227
1939

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that pay shall be admissible to such men with effect only from the date when they join for duty.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
24th day of November, 1939, in the
3rd year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
27th November, 1939

ORDER BY HIS MAJESTY, DATED 24TH NOVEMBER, 1939

S.R.O. 1708
1939

Regulations for the Militia (other than the Supplementary Reserve), 1939 Amendments No. 2

5
Bills
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WHEREAS in exercise of the powers conferred A.O. 228
upon him by Section 20 of the Reserve Forces 1939
Act, 1882, and of all other powers him thereunto
enabling, His Majesty, on 10th July, 1939, made
an Order prescribing Regulations for the Militia
(other than the Supplementary Reserve):

AND WHEREAS His Majesty is pleased to make
further Orders under the said section of the said
Act and to alter the said Regulations:

NOW THEREFORE His Majesty, in exercise of the
powers conferred upon him by the said Act of
1882, and of all other powers him thereunto
enabling, is pleased to order, and it is hereby
ordered, that the said Regulations be altered to the
extent and in the manner set forth in the Schedule
hereto.

By His Majesty's Command

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

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SCHEDULE

**REGULATIONS FOR THE MILITIA (OTHER THAN
THE SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE), 1939
AMENDMENTS No. 2**

Para. 60 (a). Line 2. *After "day" insert—*

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Nov., 1939

and will be admissible with effect only from
the date on which they join for duty.

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By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
30th November, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

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General
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Issue of Proficiency Pay to mobilized Royal Army Reservists and Supplementary Reservists, embodied soldiers of the Territorial Army and the Territorial Army Reserve and re-enlisted personnel in Time of War **A.O. 229 1939**

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to make further provision for the award of proficiency pay in amplification of Our Warrant* dated 20th September, 1939

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that with effect from 3rd September, 1939, the grant and continued issue of proficiency pay to Royal Army Reservists and Supplementary Reservists who have been mobilized, soldiers of the Territorial Army and the Territorial Army Reserve who have been embodied, and other ex-soldiers who have been or may be re-enlisted during the period of the present hostilities, shall, for the period in question, be made in accordance with the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant in lieu of the conditions laid down in the Warrant of his late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army dated 12th February, 1931.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this
27th day of November, 1939, in the
3rd year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

* Army Order 175 of 1939.

SCHEDULE

A.O. 229 1. *Proficiency Pay* for mobilized Royal Army
1939 Reservists and Supplementary Reservists, embodied
continued Territorial Army soldiers and Territorial Army
 Reservists, and ex-soldiers re-enlisted for service
 during the present period of hostilities, who are
 in receipt of the normal rates of pay as laid
 down in the Pay Warrant, 1931, Articles 822 (2)
 and 826 (2) :—

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General
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(a) *Educational proficiency pay* will be issuable, as from the date of mobilization, embodiment or re-enlistment, as the case may be, to personnel already qualified by the possession of the requisite certificate of education, subject to this being duly verified.

(b) *Military proficiency pay* may be granted to soldiers with at least 12 months' previous mobilized, embodied or Regular Army colour service, under the conditions prescribed in King's Regulations, 1935, sub-para. 766 (f) (as re-designated by Amendments No. 21 notified in Army Order 142 of 1937) for re-enlisted soldiers, and an antedate may also be allowed as provided in that sub-paragraph.

Soldiers who complete 12 months' mobilized or embodied service (including any previous such service) before they complete six months' such service after 3rd September, 1939, may similarly be granted military proficiency pay, but any antedate granted shall be restricted, as a maximum, to service rendered after completion of a total of 12 months' mobilized or embodied service.

(c) *War time proficiency pay*. The provisions governing the grant of war time proficiency pay, as prescribed in para. 2 (c) of the Schedule attached to Army Order 175 of 1939, will continue to apply.

(d) *Special proficiency pay* may be granted to mobilized Royal Army Reservists and Supplementary Reservists, embodied Territorial Army Soldiers and Territorial Army

Reservists, and ex-soldiers re-enlisted for **A.O. 229** service during the present period of **1939** hostilities with sufficient total mobilized, *continued* embodied or Regular Army colour service under the conditions prescribed in para. 2 (d) of the Schedule attached to Army Order 175 of 1939.

2. The provisions of paragraph 3 of the Schedule attached to Army Order 175 of 1939 will apply to grants of proficiency pay under paragraph 1 above.

Army Council's instruction on the foregoing Warrant

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In cases where the grant of military proficiency pay is made as a result of the publication of this Army Order, the antedate permissible under para. 1(b) thereof may be made effective from the date of present mobilization, embodiment or re-enlistment, or from such later date as the C.O. can certify the soldier to have been thoroughly trained and efficient.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
30th November, 1939

ORDER BY HIS MAJESTY, DATED 28TH NOVEMBER, 1939

S.R.O. 1736
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Outfit Allowances for Chaplains of Territorial Army

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Miscellaneous
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A.O. 230
1939

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 7 of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as modified by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921, that, subject to the provisions of Part II of the former Act, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by Order signified under the hand of a Secretary of State, to make orders with respect to the government, discipline, and pay and allowances of the Territorial Army, and with respect to all other matters and things relating to the Territorial Army:

AND WHEREAS under the said section of the said Act of 1907 His former Majesty King Edward VIII on 10th November, 1936, made an Order prescribing regulations for the Territorial Army :

AND WHEREAS His Majesty is pleased to vary the said Order of 10th November, 1936 :

Now, THEREFORE, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Him by the said Act of 1907 and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Chaplains appointed to the Territorial Army during the present emergency shall be eligible for outfit allowance at the same rates and under the same conditions as may be laid down by Our Army Council from time to time for officers granted emergency commissions during the emergency.

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A.O. 230 His Majesty is further pleased to order, and
1939 it is hereby ordered, that Chaplains appointed to the
continued Territorial Army before the present emergency shall
 be eligible, on embodiment, for an outfit allowance
 at the same rates and under the same conditions as
 may be laid down by Our Army Council from time
 to time for officers granted emergency commissions
 during the emergency, less any outfit grant they
 have already received as Chaplains under the
 Regulations for the Territorial Army appended to
 the said order of 10th November, 1936.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA

Army Council's instruction to the above Order.

The rates and conditions of outfit allowance for officers commissioned during the present emergency are laid down in Army Order 160 of 1939 as amended by Army Orders 178 and 220 of 1939. The provisions of this Order apply with retrospective effect to all Chaplains commissioned to or embodied with the Territorial Army after 1st September, 1939.

The outfit allowance of Chaplains granted commissions other than Territorial Army commissions after 1st September, 1939, is already governed by the Army Orders referred to above.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
7th December, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Family Allowance for Soldiers—**increase in respect of children**

GEORGE R.I.

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General
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WHEREAS WE deem it desirable to increase the rates of family allowance issuable in respect of children of soldiers who are eligible for this allowance at the standard weekly rates : **A.O. 245
1939**

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that with effect from 13th November, 1939, and until we otherwise determine, this allowance shall be payable in respect of such children at the rate of 5s. a week for the first eligible child, 4s. a week for the second eligible child and 3s. a week for each other eligible child, instead of at rates calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Schedule attached to Our Warrant dated 18th April, 1938.*

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
2nd day of December, 1939, in the
3rd year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

Detailed amendments to the relevant regulations will be promulgated in due course.

* Army Order 66 of 1938.

By Command of the Army Council,

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
8th December, 1939

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General
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Issue of Increments of Pay in Time of War A.O. 246
to mobilized Royal Army Reservists and 1939
Supplementary Reservists, embodied soldiers
of the Territorial Army and the Territorial
Army Reserve and re-enlisted personnel.—It
is notified that the provisions of para. 1 of the
Schedule attached to Army Order 175 of 1939 are
applicable to the following categories of soldiers
serving with the colours during the present period
of hostilities who have previous reckonable mobi-
lized embodied, or Regular Army colour service,
viz., mobilized Royal Army Reservists and Supple-
mentary Reservists, embodied soldiers of the Terri-
torial Army and the Territorial Army Reserve, and
personnel re-enlisted for service during the period
of the present hostilities, including, *e.g.*, members of
National Defence Companies (now Home Defence
battalions), Overseas Defence battalions and the
Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
8th December, 1939

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General
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Grant of the General Service Medal with A.O. 247
Clasp "Palestine".—1. His Majesty the King has **1939**

been graciously pleased to approve of the General Service Medal, with clasp "Palestine", being granted to the forces which were employed within the geographical limits of Palestine and/or Trans-Jordan, between 19th April, 1936, and 3rd September, 1939, both dates inclusive.

2. Provided that the claims are approved by the Army Council, the medal with clasp, will be granted to :—

- (a) Personnel of the Army who served on the establishment of a unit or formation within the prescribed area.
- (b) Personnel of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and of the British Section of the Palestine Police Force.
- (c) Other members of the Palestine Police Force recommended by the High Commissioner and the General Officer Commanding British Forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan, in consultation.
- (d) British officers of the Civil Service recommended by the High Commissioner and the General Officer Commanding British Forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan, in consultation.

3. Individuals already in possession of the General Service Medal will receive the clasp only.

4. The medal or clasp will not be awarded in respect of visits to Palestine or Trans-Jordan, or for service of a temporary nature.

9. The medal will not be issued to British Military personnel, except to non-effectives, until after the cessation of the present war.

1. J. G. Smith

ROYAL WARRANT, DATED 12TH DECEMBER, 1939

Officers Promoted from the Ranks to Emergency Commissions in the Land Forces for the Duration of the War.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to modify the provision already made for the award of gratuities or retired pay to officers promoted from the ranks to Emergency Commissions during the present emergency :

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Officers
1234

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the award of such gratuities or retired pay shall be governed by the provisions contained in the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant :

OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the provisions of the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated 12th February, 1931, shall, in so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Our Warrant, be regarded as modified accordingly.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
12th day of December, 1939, in the 4th
year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

SCHEDULE

1 Officers who, before being granted emergency commissions during a national emergency subsequent to 30th September, 1921, were serving during the emergency as warrant officers, non-commissioned officers or men on normal attestations in Our Regular Army shall be eligible, on retirement or relinquishment of their commissions, for gratuities or retired pay as follows:—

- (a) An officer with less than 15 years' total service, a gratuity of £50 for each completed year of colour service and £100 for each completed year as an officer.
- (b) An officer with 15 years' total service and less than 15 years' service reckoning towards retirement on retired pay, retired pay calculated at the rate of £9 1s. 6d. a year for each complete year of service which reckons towards retirement on retired pay.
- (c) An officer with 15 or more years' service reckoning towards retirement on retired pay, retired pay on the scale laid down for Departmental and other officers (other than medical, dental and veterinary officers) in the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated 12th February, 1931.

2. For the purpose of these provisions:—

- (a) Warrant officers, non-commissioned officers or men on normal attestations in Our Regular Army shall include only those warrant officers, non-commissioned officers or men who, at the commencement of the emergency, were serving on a 12 years' engagement or who had re-engaged to complete 21 years.
- (b) "Total service" shall include service as a soldier as well as service as an officer, and in so far as it refers to service as a soldier it shall refer to "service" for soldiers' pensions as defined in the Warrant of His late Majesty

King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated 12th February, 1931, but excluding service under the age of 18.

- (c) "Colour service" shall include "qualifying service" for soldiers' pensions as defined in the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated 12th February, 1931.
- (d) "Service which reckons towards retirement on retired pay" shall be as defined in the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army dated 12th February, 1931.

By Command of the Army Council,

I. J. Giff

THE WAR OFFICE,
31st December, 1939

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THE WAR OFFICE,
15th December, 1939

TERRITORIAL ARMY REGULATIONS, 1936

AMENDMENTS No. 49

Insert new heading and new paragraph—

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1939

4B. Reversion to non-employment of officers called out. A.O. 248 1939

19B. An officer of the T.A. called out for service will be reverted to non-employment if, in the opinion of the Army Council, such a course is desirable. Further, an officer so reverted to non-employment may subsequently be dealt with under para. 145.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
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ROYAL WARRANT

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General
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**Termination of officers' employment,
Resignation and Retirement in Time of War** **A.O. 249
1939**

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to make provision for the termination, where necessary, of the period of employment in war time of retired officers and officers of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers:

AND WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to provide for the retirement or resignation of an officer called upon to retire or resign his commission during the period of the war to be immediately effective:

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the power of terminating an officer's services and the effective date of an officer's retirement or resignation shall, for the period in question, be governed by the terms of the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant in lieu of the conditions laid down in the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated 12th February, 1931.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
11th day of December, 1939, in the
4th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

A.O. 249

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SCHEDULE

1. *Termination of employment of officers re-employed under the Pay Warrant, 1931, Article 517, or called to service under Article 730.*

(a) The employment of an officer referred to in the Pay Warrant, 1931, Articles 517 or 730, may be terminated at any time if, in the opinion of the Army Council, his services are no longer required. In such an event, the officer will revert to his position as a non-employed retired officer, or a non-employed officer of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers, as the case may be.

(b) An officer of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers whose employment is terminated under (a) above is liable, at the discretion of the Army Council, to be removed from the Regular Army Reserve of Officers.

2. *Effective date of resignation or retirement of an Officer called upon to retire or resign his commission.*

The retirement or resignation of an officer who is called upon to retire or resign his commission under the provisions of the Pay Warrant, 1931, Article 543, will have effect from the day following the date of the London Gazette in which such retirement or resignation is notified.

3. The necessary amendments to the Pay Warrant will be promulgated in due course.

By Command of the Army Council,



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THE WAR OFFICE,

15th December, 1939

ORDER BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

S.R.O. 1782 Order by the Secretary of State for War in accord- **A.O. 250**
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of the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, to take effect
from 11th December, 1939

**The Reversion to Non-employment of Officers
of the Supplementary Reserve**

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General
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WHEREAS it is provided by Section 20 of the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, that, subject to the provisions of that Act, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by Order signified under the hand of a Secretary of State, from time to time to make and when made revoke and vary orders with respect to the government, discipline and pay of the Army Reserve and with respect to other matters and things relating to the Army Reserve :

AND WHEREAS by the said section of the said Act it is further provided that, subject to the provisions of any such Order, a Secretary of State may from time to time make and when made revoke and vary general or special regulations with respect to any matter with respect to which His Majesty may make orders under the said section :

AND WHEREAS His late Majesty King George V was pleased to approve of certain regulations relating to the Supplementary Reserve

A.O. 250 AND WHEREAS His late Majesty King George V
1939 was pleased to order that the Secretary of State shall
continued be the sole administrator and interpreter thereof,
 and shall, in any matter not affecting the rates and
 quantities therein laid down, have power to alter
 them from time to time as may appear to him to be
 expedient;

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby ordered that the
 provisions set forth in the annexed Schedule shall
 apply to officers of the Supplementary Reserve of
 Officers.

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

SCHEDULE

An officer called out on service under the con-
 ditions laid down in Supplementary Reserve
 Regulations, 1933, paragraph 17, will be reverted to
 non-employment if, in the opinion of the Army
 Council, such a course is desirable. Further, an
 officer so reverted to non-employment may
 subsequently be dealt with under paragraph 50 (b)
 of the said regulations.

The necessary amendments to Supplementary
 Reserve Regulations will be made in due course.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
15th December, 1939

**ORDER BY HIS MAJESTY, DATED
13TH DECEMBER, 1939**

**REGULATIONS FOR CLASS W, ROYAL ARMY RESERVE
(INCLUDING THE SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE), AND
CLASS W (T), TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE.**

S.R.O. 1809 WHEREAS it is provided by Section 20 of the A.O. 251
1939 Reserve Forces Act, 1882, that, subject to the 1939
109 provisions of that Act, it shall be lawful for His
General Majesty, by Order signified under the hand of a
4045 Secretary of State, to make, revoke and vary orders
with respect to the government, discipline and pay
of the Army Reserve, and with respect to other
matters and things relating to the Army Reserve:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by Section 7 of the
Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as
modified by the Territorial Army and Militia Act,
1921, that, subject to the provisions of Part II of
the former Act, it shall be lawful for His Majesty,
by Order signified under the hand of a Secretary of
State, to make orders with respect to the govern-
ment, discipline and pay and allowances of the
Territorial Army, and with respect to all other
matters and things relating to the Territorial Army:

A.O. 251 AND WHEREAS His Majesty is pleased to establish
1939 with effect from 1st January, 1940, during the
continued period of the present emergency, a new Class of the
 Royal Army Reserve, to be called Class W, and,
 during the present period of embodiment, a new
 Class of the Territorial Army Reserve, to be called
 Class W (T)

NOW THEREFORE His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Section 20 of the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, and Section 7 of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the regulations set forth in the Schedule appended hereto shall have effect from the afore-mentioned date, and that they shall be orders made by His Majesty under the said Acts of 1882 and 1907, provided always that the Secretary of State shall be the sole administrator and interpreter thereof and shall (in any matter not affecting the rates and quantities therein laid down) have power to alter them from time to time as may appear to him to be expedient until His Majesty's further Will and Pleasure be made known.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

SCHEDULE

Regulations for Class W, Royal Army Reserve (including the Supplementary Reserve), and Class W (T), Territorial Army Reserve.

1. *Constitution.* (a) Class W of the Royal Army Reserve will consist of:—

- (i) soldiers of the regular forces released from army service under the provisions of Section 3 (4) of the Armed Forces (Conditions of Service) Act, 1939;

- (ii) Army reservists (including Supplementary **A.O. 251** reservists) who have been discharged on or after 1st September, 1939, under The King's Regulations, para. 383 (xviii), sub-head (d)—
 "Free, being urgently required in civil employment", and who re-enlist into the Royal Army Reserve ;

- (iii) Army reservists (including Supplementary reservists) who have not been required to report on mobilization.

(b) Class W (T) of the Territorial Army Reserve will consist of:—

- (i) men of the Territorial Army (including the Territorial Army Reserve) released from embodied service under the provisions of Section 4 (4) of the Armed Forces (Conditions of Service) Act, 1939 ;
- (ii) men of the Territorial Army (including the Territorial Army Reserve) who, after embodiment during the present emergency, have been discharged under The King's Regulations, para. 383 (xviii), sub-head (d)—
 "Free, being urgently required in civil employment", and who re-enlist into the Territorial Army Reserve ;
- (iii) men of the Territorial Army (including the Territorial Army Reserve) who have not been required to report on embodiment.

2. *Liability for service, etc.* Class W Army reservists and Class W (T) Territorial Army reservists will be liable to join for military service when ordered to do so at any time during the present emergency or present period of embodiment. They will not be liable to attend for training or drill as reservists.

3. *Pay and uniform.* As from 1st January, 1940, no Army reservist while in Class W or Territorial Army reservist while in Class W (T) will receive pay or other emoluments from army funds, nor will they wear uniform.

By Command of the Army Council,

[Signature]

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
20th December, 1939

National Health, Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Pensions, and Unemployment Insurance of—

- (I) Officers of the Reserve and Auxillary Forces and Officers granted Emergency Commissions and**
- (II) Officers of the Auxillary Territorial Service and Voluntary Aid Detachments.**

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The following will be substituted for Army Order 169 of 1939— **A.O. 252**
1939

- (I) Officers of the Reserve and Auxillary Forces and persons granted emergency commissions :—**

A. Health Insurance and Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions.

1. During the present emergency, Reserve and Territorial officers called up, retired officers taken into employment, and persons granted emergency commissions (including soldiers appointed to emergency commissions from the ranks) are, under new regulations made by the Minister of Health, now insurable for both health and pensions insurance during the whole period of their war service if they were insured to any extent under either the Health Insurance or Contributory Pensions Acts* immediately before entering upon war service as officers. The object of these regulations is to secure, at a small cost to the officer, that the health and/or pensions insurance of such officers does not lapse during their service.

* Includes those who were previously insured, either compulsorily or voluntarily, for health and pensions purposes, for health purposes only, or for pensions purposes only, and also those persons in the excepted and exempt classes, who, although outside the scheme of health insurance, were insured for pension purposes.

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A.O. 252 Insurance in such cases will be under the following arrangements :—
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2. (a) In the case of officers who come within the scope of paragraph 1, the O.C. the unit to which the officer is first posted on being called into army service, or, in the case of those already serving before the date of this Army Order for whom continuance in insurance is now being provided (viz., those previously insured for pensions purposes only, who were excluded from the provisions of Army Order 169 of 1939), the O.C. the unit in which the officer is at present serving, will complete A.F. O 1847, in duplicate, clearly indicating that the individual is an officer, and marking the form "Emergency Service". One copy of the completed form will be forwarded to the army agents or command paymaster from whom the officer receives his pay, and the other copy, together with the officer's civilian health and/or pension insurance card, sent to the Ministry of Health, Insurance Department, Bromyard Avenue, Acton, W.3. (X.J.)

(b) During the officer's army service, insurance cards will not be stamped but a contribution at a special rate of 1s. 2d. a week (3d. for Health Insurance and 11d. for Contributory Pensions) will be paid directly to the Ministry of Health. The cost of this contribution will be shared equally between the officer concerned and the Army Council up to and including the week ending 31st December, 1939. As from the week beginning 1st January, 1940, the whole of the cost of the contribution will be payable by the officer and will be deducted from his pay, except in the case of officers already serving before the date of receipt of this Army Order whose insurance for four months was authorized by Army Order 169 of 1939. In the case of these officers, the cost of the contribution will be shared equally between the officer concerned and the Army Council for the full period of four months from the date of the officer entering upon war service; after which period the officer will be required to pay the whole of the contribution. The army agents or command paymaster from whom the officer receives his pay will deduct from such pay, before issue, the officer's share of the cost of the contribution for the period to which the pay relates, and credit the

amount to "Ministry of Health, National Health Insurance and Widows', etc., Pensions Contributions". The gross pay of the officer will be charged against the appropriate pay vote. Adjustment in respect of the Army Council's share of the cost of the contribution (where applicable) will be effected by the War Office. Supplementary accounting instructions will be issued.

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(c) In so far as this Army Order provides for the continuance in insurance of officers who, though previously insured, were excluded from the provisions of Army Order 169 of 1939—see paragraph 2 (a) above—this Army Order will have retrospective effect from 3rd September, 1939. Arrears of contributions which have accrued since the date on which the officer joined for war service up to the date of receipt of this Army Order will be paid entirely from army funds. Separate accounting instructions will be issued.

B. Unemployment Insurance.

1. Officers specified in paragraph 4 (1) above will be insured for unemployment insurance purposes for a period not exceeding 4 months from the date of entering upon war service as officers if they were previously normally in insurable employment in Great Britain. Officers affected will hand in their civilian insurance books to the Os.C. the units to which they are first posted on being called into service, who will transmit them to the army agents or command paymasters issuing the pay to the officers concerned.*

2. The insurance books will be stamped by the army agent or command paymaster at the normal rates payable in respect of civilian employment, viz:—

* If an officer has lost or destroyed his book, he will forward to the nearest employment exchange an application for a temporary book together with a statement showing his full Christian name(s) and date of birth, also the local office of issue of the original unemployment book if known, and will forward the temporary book when received to the army agents or paymaster. If an officer is for any other reason not in possession of a book, he should be instructed to send for it and forward it when received to the army agents or paymaster. If the original unemployment book is not forthcoming at the end of a period of 14 days, an officer will apply to the nearest employment exchange, as in the case of a book lost or destroyed, for a temporary book.

A.O. 252 Officers 21 years of age or over—

1939	Employee's share ...	9d.
<i>continued</i>	Employer's share ...	9d.
	Total ...	1s. 6d.

Officers between the ages of 18 and 21 years—

Employee's share ...	8d.
Employer's share ...	8d.
Total ...	1s. 4d.

The employee's share will be recovered from the pay issued to the officer concerned for the relevant period, the employer's share being paid by the Army Council.

Officers who were normally employed in an insurable occupation but possess a certificate of exemption will hold exempt persons' books, and in their cases these will be stamped at the normal exempt persons' rate, namely, 9d. a week in the case of officers of 21 years of age or over, or 8d. a week in the case of officers between the ages of 18 and 21 years, no part of which will be recovered from the officer.

The gross pay of the officer will be charged against the appropriate pay vote, the necessary deductions in respect of the officer's share of the cost of the insurance contribution being made before issue. The cost of the Army Council's share of the contribution will be charged to the appropriate Insurance vote.

C. General.

1. The responsibility for establishing the fact that he was previously insured rests entirely with the officer concerned, and unless he discloses information as to his position to his O.C. it will not be possible for arrangements to be made for his contributions to be paid under the terms of this Army Order.

2. The fact that he was previously insured to any extent must be established by the officer concerned either within one month of joining for war service or (in the case of an officer already serving but excluded from the provision of Army Order 169 of 1939) within a period of one month from the date of receipt of this Army Order. Otherwise the officer will not be dealt with under this Army Order as a person previously insured.

3. It should be understood that under the terms **A.O. 252** of this Army Order an officer cannot be insured for health purposes only or pension purposes only— an officer must be insured for both health and pensions. **1939**
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4. In the event of an officer being transferred from the payment of one command paymaster to another, or to an army agent (or vice versa), the former paying authority will inform the latter of the date on which the officer's mobilized service began, the amount of the contributions and the date up to which adjustment has been made. The officer's unemployment book should accompany his last pay certificate.

5. In no case will any steps be taken to insure officers who were not insured, or, in the case of unemployment insurance, normally in insurable employment, before undertaking service as indicated, nor to insure any officer for unemployment insurance purposes for a period in excess of four months from the date on which he joined for duty on or after mobilization.

(II) Officers of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and Voluntary Aid Detachments :—

1. *Health and Pensions Insurance.*—The procedure as laid down above for officers of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces will similarly apply to Auxiliary Territorial Service and Voluntary Aid Detachment officers, except that A.F. O 1847 (W) will be used for these officers.

The rate in respect of these officers will be 8d. a week (2½d. for Health Insurance and 5½d. for Contributory Pensions).

2. *Unemployment Insurance.*—The same procedure as for officers of the reserve forces, etc., above will be applied, except that the women's rates of contributions will apply.

Army Order 169 of 1939 is hereby *cancelled*.

By Command of the Army Council,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. J. Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a prominent "G".

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
22nd December, 1939

**Death of Her Royal Highness The Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll. A.O. 253
1939**

²⁹
General — The following messages have passed between the
950 Army Council and His Majesty the King.

THE WAR OFFICE

"The Army Council beg to submit to the King their respectful sympathy in the bereavement which the Royal House has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness The Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll. They remember with enduring pride and gratitude Her Royal Highness's close association both with The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders as Colonel-in Chief and with The Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment which has the honour of bearing Her Royal Highness's name."

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

"Please convey to Army Council my sincere thanks for their message of sympathy in the death of my Great Aunt The Princess Louise. I much appreciate their kind reference to Her association with my Army."

GEORGE R.I.

By Command of the Army Council.

J. J. Gifford

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,

26th December, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Army Dependants' Allowances

GEORGE R.I.

⁴⁶
General
972 WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to amend the A.O. 254
regulations governing the issue of Dependants' 1939
Allowances:

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the amendment shown in the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant shall be made to the regulations in the Schedule attached to Our Warrant dated the 14th day of September, 1939.*

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this

20th day of December, 1939, in the

4th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

SCHEDULE

Place an asterisk against the words "joining the colours" where these appear in paragraphs 3 (d), 7 (a), 7 (d) (twice), 8, 10 (b) and 15 (a), and insert a footnote on pages 4, 5, 6 and 8 as follows: " * See paragraph 14 (c).".

* Army Order 170 of 1939.

A.O. 254 Under paragraph 14 "*Exceptional Cases*", add a
1939 new sub-paragraph—

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(c) In the case of a soldier who was already serving with the colours on 2nd September, 1939, not having been called up under the Military Training Act, 1939, or the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act, 1939, the qualifying period during which he must have been contributing to the support of the dependant is from 3rd March, 1939, (*i.e.* six months preceding 3rd September, 1939,) to the date on which a Dependant's Allowance is applied for, and the amount of his contribution must have exceeded the rate of qualifying allotment appropriate to his rate of pay or that prescribed in para. 7 (d), whichever is the greater.

By Command of the Army Council,

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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
26th December, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Introduction of Army Trade of Checker (Railway or Docks)

GEORGE R.I.

²⁷
Engineers
8751 WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to provide for A.O. 255
the pay of personnel required for duty as checkers 1939
in Our Royal Engineers :

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that soldiers duly qualified as Checkers (Railway or Docks) shall receive pay at the rates laid down for tradesmen classified in Group D of the army trade groups in the Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated 12th February, 1931.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
20th day of December, 1939, in the
4th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

Army Council's instruction on the foregoing Warrant

1. The technical qualifications required for soldiers of the trade of Checker (Railway or Docks) shall be as follows :—

Checker (Railway or Docks)

(a) *Railway.*

Class III.—(i) Must be capable of making out, neatly and accurately, records of vehicles in a station yard.

(ii) Must have a good knowledge of the different types of vehicles and their uses.

(iii) Must know the principles of safe station working.

(iv) Must have a good knowledge of the fixed, hand and shunting signals in use in station working by day and by night.

(b) *Docks.*

Class III.—(i) Must be able to keep a legible and accurate record of the receipt of goods of all descriptions and packings as they are received either from the ships on to the quay, piled in the transit shed, or loaded into railway wagon or other conveyance.

(ii) Must have a thorough knowledge of the methods by which such goods are marked or identified and be able to distinguish those marks quickly and accurately so that a reliable account can be taken of the traffic being handled.

2. The existing trade of "Checker (Number taker)" will be re-named "Checker (Railway or Docks)".

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
30th December, 1939

**His Majesty's Military Forces raised in the
Dominion of Canada and in the United
Kingdom—Mutual powers of Command**

*An Order of the Army Council made under
Section 4 (5) of the Visiting Forces
(British Commonwealth) Act, 1933*

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General
5467

The Army Council hereby order and declare that **A.O. 256**
for the purpose of Section 4 of the Visiting Forces **1939**
(British Commonwealth) Act, 1933 :—

- (1) The military forces of His Majesty raised in the Dominion of Canada and in the United Kingdom, which are at any time serving in the United Kingdom or on the Continent of Europe, or are proceeding from one to the other, do serve together.
- (2) The military forces of His Majesty raised in the Dominion of Canada and in the United Kingdom, which embark in the United Kingdom for the purpose of proceeding to the Continent of Europe, or are serving on the Continent of Europe, do act in combination.
- (3) Such part of His Majesty's military forces raised in the United Kingdom and serving therein as may from time to time be specified for that purpose by order of the Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces, and of the appropriate Canadian Service Authorities as from time to time designated by the Minister of National Defence of the Dominion of

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Canada, shall act in combination with such part of His Majesty's military forces raised in the Dominion of Canada and serving in the United Kingdom as may be so specified.

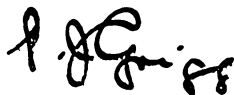
Signed on behalf of the Army Council,

EDMUND IRNSIDE, *General, C.I.G.S.*
R. GORDON-FINLAYSON, *General, A.G.*
P. J. GRIGG.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1939.

NOTE :—For the Visiting Forces (British Commonwealth) Act, 1933, *see* Amendments, No. 11 to the Manual of Military Law, 1929, notified in Army Order 154 of 1935.

By Command of the Army Council,



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SPECIAL ARMY ORDER

THE WAR OFFICE,
31st December, 1939

ROYAL WARRANT

Additional Pay for soldiers holding appointments as Assistant Instructors of Physical Training.

GEORGE R.I.

A.O. 257 WHEREAS We deem it necessary, in consequence
1939 of the training conditions applicable during the period of the present war, to suspend the grant of additional pay to soldiers holding appointments as Assistant Instructors of Physical Training:

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Miscellaneous
2033

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that, with effect from the date of this Our Warrant, the issue of additional pay to Assistant Instructors of Physical Training provided for in the Royal Warrant of His late Majesty King George V for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army dated 12th February, 1931, shall be held in abeyance for the period of the present war.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this
30th day of December, 1939, in the
4th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
LESLIE HORE-BELISHA.

By Command of the Army Council,

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